WEATHER.
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF OBJECT FOR WHICH EACH BELLIGERENT IS FIGHTING IS ALL THAT IS ASKED

United States Wants to Know What Would be Called a "Just and Permanent Peace."

THIS NEVER MADE KNOWN

Leading Statesmen in Both Sets of Belligerents Have Stated Identical "Terms."

THEIR SPEECHES ARE VAGUE

No Nation Would be Embarrassed in Answering Wilson's Note.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Information as to their exact meaning in seeking a "just and permanent peace," is the whole purpose of the note addressed to all the belligerents by President Wilson. The United States desires a full, practical and detailed statement from each of the governments addressed. This outline, and what follows, was stated officially today for the administration.

No Definite Meaning Given.

This government does not know, and feels that it has no real means of knowing, what terms would be required by each of the belligerents to make peace. It regards the recent speeches of the leading statesmen in all countries as vague and undefined and sees nothing in them that would enable a conference to draw up a treaty. All speak of the rights of small nations, the repugnance of conquest, and the guarantees of a permanent peace, but no one nation has yet gone into what it means by those phrases in a way that the government of the United States can understand.

Recent press comment has been taken to enhance the vagueness. France, for instance, has not disclosed if what she considers a just peace means the evacuation of her northern provinces; or in addition to that, the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine, or if in addition to both those claims she expects a money indemnity for the damage of invasion, or beyond that if she has an actual programme for doing away with so-called German militarism. In short the United States asks what would she accept today as the basis of peace.

President Wants Details.

Similar issues apply to all the belligerent countries in merely a varying form. What President Wilson wants is the details. As the largest neutral facing grave problems and as the friend of all parties concerned, the United States feels most earnestly that it is entitled to know those facts. Unless some one of the groups lays down its actual terms there will be no basis for negotiation and no possibility of peace till the world is bled white, officials declare.

There is not the slightest expectation that the terms laid down will be reconcilable at first. It is known that some of the nations will demand what in actuality is impossible. Nevertheless, the naming of those terms will afford a basis of negotiation, a starting place from which the conflicting interests can begin to converge.

Nothing to Embarrass.

Nor is any embarrassment seen to any of the nations in naming such terms. It is understood in advance that they are apt to fluctuate with the military changes and are not permanently binding under new conditions. Whatever any nation feels must be included in its terms for moral reasons can also be added to the terms without embarrassment, it is said.

As to permanent guarantees it was declared that the United States stands ready to enter any kind of international agreement that may seem most desirable to the nations, whether permanent peace is to be secured by force, if necessary, or by law. The country is not committed to any one plan and President Wilson is entirely open to suggestions. It is the administration view that the country can be committed to an abandonment of the policy of isolation, much as President Monroe committed it to the Monroe Doctrine, without Senate action. In the plans so far contemplated, however, it is probable the nations would be bound by treaty agreements which would necessarily have to be ratified by the Senate, so far as the United States is concerned.

Resentments Unwarranted.

A fuller understanding of the embarrassment caused to the administration by the coincidence of its note with the German proposals was given today when it was said that, despite the early unfavorable effect which the note was expected to have in the Allied countries through that fact, it was decided to risk it in view of the greater interests involved. It is expected it may be some time before the American viewpoint will be accepted abroad, but it is felt that in the end it certainly will prevail.

It also stated most emphatically that the note was rushed off on Monday in order to get to Premier Lloyd-George before he had irrevocably committed the Allies against peace on his speech to parliament Tuesday. That assumption

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WARNS AGAINST ANY HASTY ACTION ON WILSON'S NOTE

Manchester Guardian in Long Editorial Advises That Document be Given Due Consideration and Endeavors to Interpret President's View-Point; European Press Comments Freely.

London, Dec. 23.—Analyzing the criticisms of President Wilson's note to the belligerent nations the Manchester Guardian, in a remarkable editorial a column long, which is unique because it endeavors to interpret the President's viewpoint, sounds a word of caution today against hasty and ill-considered action in making a reply.

The Guardian believes that the note "if coolly considered and wisely answered can only help the Allies' cause and throw into stronger relief the moral weakness of the German position. The newspaper says that a careful reading of the passage in which President Wilson suggests that both sides are fighting for the same end reveals that the President said that this is what the belligerents tell their own countrymen. Continuing, the Manchester Guardian says:

"Coming on top of Germany's suggestion of negotiations, the note appears to associate itself with the German view and the reference to measures which the United States may have to take, reads as follows: A little too like a suggestion of menace. However, it must be borne in mind that a note couched in similar if not identical terms is being sent to all the belligerents, and if President Wilson wants war with either side he cannot, without departing from the appearance of strict neutrality, avoid addressing the same words to the other. For our part, it will require the very strongest evidence to persuade us that in the face of the great volume of sympathy for the allied cause which we are assured of on the other side of the Atlantic, that any act seriously prejudicial to our cause cannot be contemplated at Washington.

"Another passage in the note which comes in for even more criticism also requires a different value so soon as we think ourselves that it is addressed to both parties. This is the passage which appears to suggest a real identity of views as between the belligerents. When the passage is carefully read, it is seen to say not that the two belligerent parties have the same views or are fighting for the same ends, but that they profess to doing so when the governments justify the war to their own countryman. This is a very different proposition and a passage as read by a German of any humor might be taken as a very severe piece of sarcasm."

The Manchester Guardian then sounds a warning against the "Allies being betrayed into playing Germany's game, because if we put ourselves wrong with America, we do play Germany's game."

The newspaper then adds this advice:

"Let us avoid imputing motives, take the President's note at its face value as a perfectly sincere document, meaning simply what it says. The President believes the two belligerent alliances to be less far apart than appears on the surface. Washington probably has means of information that are not fully available to us, and if this view is taken at Washington, it gives us a valuable hint as to the mind of Germany and conditions in Germany which are working upon the minds of her rulers.

"In any case believing rightly or wrongly Germany would go further to meet us than we suppose. Dr. Wilson suggests that the two sides compare views. Again be it remembered that this suggestion is addressed to both sides and not to one alone."

VIENNA PRESS LOOKS WITH FAVOR ON PRESIDENT'S MOVE

Vienna, Dec. 23, (via Amsterdam to London).—The keynote of the comment in the Vienna press on President Wilson's note to the belligerents is that the idea of peace thus brought forward will not easily be dissipated.

"Neither exaggerated optimism nor its opposite is the proper attitude to assume," says the Neuss Weiner Tagesblatt. Instead, it should be one of the calm patience and dignity. The Zeit says:

"It is to be hoped that President Wilson's action will further the bringing about of peace, but it may also have the opposite effect."

The comment of the Reichspot is: "If President Wilson's action really will contribute to peace it will be welcomed."

The Arbeiter Zeitung welcomes the fact that a neutral power has spoken, for the first time. The Neues Weiner Journal says:

"President Wilson in any event has brought humanity a great step nearer to peace."

SAYS NOTE IS STARTING POINT OF A NEW DIPLOMACY

Paris, Dec. 23.—Pierre Renaudel, the Socialist leader, writing in Humanite regarding President Wilson's note, says:

"The note is the starting point of a new diplomacy whose merit is that it is public and submits, in consequence, to the judgments of the peoples themselves the care of their own destinies. Secret diplomacy must die. France and her allies will again serve human civilization in showing that they appreciate new facts as they will serve their ow cause, by speaking out plainly."

ASKS WHY WILSON DIDN'T DEFEND BELGIAN NEUTRALITY

Paris, Dec. 23.—Senator Henry Berenger, writing in the Paris Midi, says:

"Why didn't President Wilson make on July 30, 1914, the observations he submits to Europe in December, 1916? Why didn't Wilson protest in August, 1914, against the violation of Belgium? Why does he wait until today to pose as a champion of small nations? Why didn't Wilson in August, 1914, defend the law of nations, of which he is a professor, while in December, 1916, he offers himself as an arbitrator?

"When one has said nothing and has

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DARCY SAYS HE IS NOT A MILITARY 'SLACKER'

Will Join British Army When He Gains Support for Family.

Australian Middleweight Arrives in New York—Expects to Sign Up for Bout With Carpentier, Dillon or Miske.

New York, Dec. 23.—Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, who arrived here today after having left his home as a stowaway two months ago, declared he did not leave Australia to evade military service, and that he expected to enlist in the British forces as soon as he had made enough money to care for his relatives. It was expected here he would be signed within a few hours to meet Georges Carpentier, Jack Dillon or Billy Miske.

He said he had kept in moderately good condition on board ship, where he traveled under the name of Dawson, and was willing to meet any one.

Darcy said he wanted to make it clear that he was not a "slacker" and had not left Australia to avoid going to the front.

"I am going to fight for Great Britain as soon as I have had a few fights here and made enough money to support my father and mother and sisters in comfort," he said. "After that I will go to Canada or England and enlist.

"I would have gone before, but I would have left my family in want then. One of my brothers is older than I am, but he is a cripple. Another is 17 and he works day and night as a baker. The others are only little fellows. After I have got enough money for the family, then I will go to war. What happens after that won't make much difference then. I can be killed then."

The immigration authorities waived the usual examinations in Darcy's case.

OLD BRIDGE REPLACED BY NEW IN 15 MINUTES

Remarkable Engineering Feat on Union Pacific Railroad.

Structure Built on False Work and Weighing 11,200,000 Pounds is Slipped Into Place in Ten and a Half Minutes.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—The old steel bridge of the Union Pacific Railway over the Missouri river, between Omaha and Council Bluffs, which had been in existence for 30 years, was today removed and replaced by a new steel bridge which had been built on false work alongside the old.

The actual operation of removing the old bridge, which weighed 5,600,000 pounds, and putting in place the new, which weighed 11,200,000 pounds, required 15 minutes, four and a half minutes for removal of the old and ten and one-half minutes to replace it with the new. Five hoisting engines equipped with block and tackle, were used. Union Pacific officials said the work was an unusual engineering feat.

The work of removal began at 11:10 in the morning with 200 men and was finished at 3:40 in the afternoon.

Delay was occasioned by the breaking of lashings. An hour after the new bridge was in place trains were running over it.

This is the third bridge across the Missouri on the same site. A certain historical interest attaches to the place, for it was here that pioneers first crossed the river on a flat boat.

London, Dec. 23.—The Danish steamers Hroptatyr, 1,789 net tons, and Dansborg, 2,183 gross tons, have been sunk.

BETTING IN BERLIN ON PEACE BEFORE AUGUST

London, Dec. 23—A Frankfort dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, via Rotterdam, says there was heavy betting on the Berlin exchange today that peace would be signed before August. The same dispatch says that the German emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

EXPRESS VIEWS ON PEACE PROPOSALS

Prominent Europeans Give Opinions to Neutral Conference Bureau at The Hague.

SOME FAVORABLE; SOME NOT

Tell Whether They Think Central Powers' Overtures Should be Accepted or Rejected by the Entente Allies.

The Hague, Netherlands, Dec. 23, (via London).—Opinions of various prominent men of Europe as to whether the peace proposals of the Central Powers should be accepted or rejected by the Entente and their constructive suggestions for a proposed peace, have been gathered by the bureau of The Hague of the neutral conference for continuous mediation resulting from Henry Ford's peace movement. Among the answers are the following:

Christian Lange, of Christiana, secretary of the Inter-parliamentary Union, expressed the hope that the Entente would demand concrete proposals from the Teutonic Allies; at the same time be ready to state their own fundamental conditions, after which, he said, opportunities would offer themselves to clear up the whole situation.

Professor Morgenstierne, rector of Christiana University, expressed the fear that the conditions and assumptions of the belligerents were too conflicting to hope for a speedy pacific settlement.

Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish Socialist leader, said:

"Germany, by continuing the Belgian deportations, has shown the unbroken power of her militaristic spirit. A demand for full definition of war aims must be put forward by democratic parties on both sides, as the starting point for a common movement toward peace."

The Entente nations would be unwise to decline unconditionally to consider peace proposals, in the opinion of Dr. Svente Arrhenius, president of the Nobel Institute, of Stockholm, who also said that if they did decline they should state their motives and define the modifications they deemed necessary. He also appealed for the free development of small nations.

Admiral Lindman, former premier of Sweden, appealed to the Entente not to exclude the possibility of further conversations.

"The proposal of the Central Powers should not be accepted," replied Baron A. T. Adelswaerd, former Swedish minister of finance, "because it conveys no clear idea of the principal of the basis of peace.

"The Central Powers start from the view point that they have been attacked and that they have established a decisive military superiority. Neither of these points has been in any way proved and so the outlook is not promising for a just and durable peace."

Carl Lindhagen, Socialist mayor of Stockholm, declared that impartial judges must be uneasy with regard to peace making as proposed by Germany. The Entente nations, he said, should state their conditions.

Pieter J. Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, replied:

"The German proposal could hardly contain anything other than the general declaration of readiness to begin negotiations, but the proposal should have included a declaration of readiness in the spirit of Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's recent speech, to co-operate in the establishment of an international association to insure a durable peace, including an agreement for the reduction of armament on land and sea. All the world knows that, notwithstanding its military successes, Germany has a very good reason to desire peace."

NOT ALLUDED TO AS "GREAT WORLD EVENT OF THE DAY"

Rome, Dec. 22, (via Paris, Dec. 23).—The Popolo Romano, in its comment on President Wilson's note to the belligerents, alludes to its issuance as the "great world event of the day." Its tone is characterized as friendly, but firm, with a certain acceptance of the "judge who proposes to wield the sword of Solomon, wishing to end the war."

The Paris and London press, this

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NO PAPER MONDAY.

Unless there are news developments of an important nature, locally or abroad, arrangements having been made for keeping in touch with the situation, there will be no issue of The Morning Star tomorrow (Monday) morning in order that members of The Star family may in a measure share with the general public the proper observance of the Christmas holiday.

The Star wishes each and every one of its friends and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, promising to greet them again Tuesday morning or earlier if occasion requires.

TORREON REPORTED OCCUPIED BY VILLA

Carranza Officials Admit the Bandit Chief Could Easily Defeat De Facto Forces.

HAS AN ARMY OF 7,000 MEN

Bandits Reported to Have Blown Up Train, Killing Number of Constitutionalist Soldiers, South of Saltillo.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Persistent rumors that Torreon had been captured by Villa were in circulation here today but Carranza officials here and at Juarez insisted that nothing had been received from the Coahuila metropolis. As the report originated from sources known to be strongly pro-Villa, government agents and military officers here refused to accept them until something more definite could be obtained. However, Carranza officials admit that Villa with his present force of 7,000 men, could capture Torreon from the de facto forces without difficulty.

GARCIA REPORTS TORREON AND CHIHUAHUA CITY SAFE.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Consul General Garcia, at El Paso, reported to the Mexican embassy tonight that he has been in communication with Carranza officials at Chihuahua and Torreon and was informed that neither of those cities had been captured or was in danger of being captured by Villa forces.

TRAIN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP BY BANDITS

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 23.—Villa followers blew up a train at Carneros, 47 miles south of Saltillo, December 21, killing a number of constitutionalist soldiers, according to information believed to be reliable which reached the border this afternoon. According to this information a number of the soldiers were massacred after having escaped injury from the explosion.

FUNSTON OFFICIALLY ADVISED TORREON HAS BEEN ATTACKED

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23—Although confirmation of the report that Torreon has fallen into the hands of Villa is still awaited by officers of the Southern Department, Major-General Frederick Funston declared tonight that he had been advised officially of the fact that the bandit leader had attacked the city. The early reports said the Villa followers appeared to be advancing into the city.

A telegram to the department commander today stated that Villa was at Bermejillo ,26 miles north of Coahiula center.

MURGIA SAYS GARRISON AT TORREON CAN DEFEND CITY

Chihuahua City, Mex., Dec. 22 (via El Paso Junction, Tex., Dec. 23)—General Francisco Murgia, military commander of the northern military zone, at a conference today with the foreign consular representatives, announced that Villa and his forces were advancing on Torreon, but that General Talamante, the de facto commander in Torreon, had a sufficient force to defend the city.

General Murguia declared he had recaptured all of the military train which Villa took from Chihuahua City and had garrisoned the town of Guerrero.

JUDGE PRITCHARD AND HARRISON TO TESTIFY.

Star Witnesses in $30,000 Suit Against Music Festival.

Asheville Jurist, President of Corporation, Said to Have Protested Against Some of Alexander's Deals—Trial in January?

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 23.—Judge Jeter C. Pritchard and President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, will be called as star witnesses to testify in the $30,000 civil action brought by Frank S. Westbrook against the National Music Festival of America. The case will probably be called in January.

Westbrook, who originated the idea of establishing a mecca for music lovers from all over the United States at Black Mountain, has come to Durham to live. He is working insurance.

President Harrison's connection with the movement has its origin in his suggestion that Judge Pritchard be made president and the railway president promised co-operation. The plaintiff alleges that it was at a meeting in Winston-Salem in a conference with President Harrison that R. O. Alexander, H. D. Shutt and G. W. Kinshaw "agreed with and in the presence of Mr. Fairfax Harrison to subscribe all the money necessary for promoting the proposed organization." The Southern Railway head declined to take the presidency but urged the appointment of Judge Pritchard. The latter was in Chicago and Westbrook went to the "Windy City" to secure his consent.

The former manager asserts that Judge Pritchard has earnestly protested the action of R. O. Alexander in taking the funds subscribed for stock

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RUSSIAN REAR GUARD IS SLOWLY YIELDING TO TEUTONIC ARMIES

Continue Retreat North in Wallachia and Dobrudja, Although Offering Resistance.

THE RUMANIANS WITHDRAW

Big Guns Are Active in the Region of Hardaumont and Chambrettes, Near Verdun.

BRITISH SHIPS SUNK, 435

This Represents 12 Per Sent of the Total Vessels Owned.

Fighting a series of defensive battles, but slowly yielding to Teutonic pressure, the Russian rear guard in Wallachia and Dobrudja are being pressed backward to the north. Heavy fighting is in progress in the vicinity of Rimnik-Sarat, midway between the Buzeu and Sereth rivers, in Wallachia.

Russian advanced posts at Rakovitcheni, in the foothills of the mountains west of Rimnik-Sarat, were compelled to retire after battles at that point and Vadulsoresoi. An engagement at Balatchenul, south of Rimnik-Sarat, also is recorded, indicating that the Russian lines still protect that town.

May be Covering Retreat.

These engagements are regarded by some Teutonic military critics as an effort on the part of the Russians and Rumanians to cover the retreat of their armies and of the Rumanian refugees across the line of the Sereth river and to cover the flank of the Russo-Rumanian armies fighting in the Carpathian mountains of Moldavia.

In Dobrudja the Rumanian line is reported to have withdrawn northward until it is only 13 miles south of the northern extremity of that province.

Only artillery activity is recorded on the Russian front in the vicinity of Baranovichi.

The big guns are active also in the region of Hardaumont and Chambrettes near Verdun.

Operations on the Macedonian front are being prevented by bad weather.

President's Note Delivered.

The American ambassador at Petrograd delivered the German peace note to the Russian government Saturday and President Wilson's note to the belligerent governments was handed to the Italian foreign minister by the American ambassador at Rome.

It is unlikely that the reply of the Entente powers to the German note will be dispatched before Monday and it may be delayed for ten days, according to the British foreign office. This is attributed to the delays in communication. It is reported in Paris, however, that the reply is almost finished. Rumors are circulating in London that the Entente's answer is being drawn up at Rome to be forwarded thence to Germany.

British Shipping Losses.

It is estimated that the losses of British shipping resulting from the war total 435 steam vessels, each of more than 1,600 tons, or 12 per cent of all steamships owned in Great Britain at the beginning of the conflict.

SAYS RUSSIANS IN DOBRUDJA HAVE BEEN BADLY DEFEATED

Berlin, Dec. 23, (via Sayville).—"The Teutonic operations in Dobrudja are developing further," writes the Overseas News Agency's military critic. "The Russians have been repeatedly defeated in that war area, abandoning two fortified positions and then offering resistance on another line in order to cover a retreat on the road to Tultcha, Isaktcha and Matchin. The defensive line now is resting on the hills in the northern extremity of Dobrudja, only 20 kilometres from Tultcha and Isaktcha. The third Cossack division, which reached Dobrudja only on December 13, was completely defeated by the Bulgarians on December 19, the Russians suffering heavy losses.

"Likewise in eastern Wallachia the Russians and Rumanians are trying to cover the retreat of the remnants of their defeated armies and Rumanian refugees across the line of the Sereth by an effort to hold up the advance of the Central Powers at a point south of Rimnik Sarat. This effort also is intended to cover the flank of the Russo-Rumanian bodies fighting in the Moldavian-Carpathian-Rumanian offensive."

GREAT BRITAIN HAS LOST 12 PER CENT OF HER SHIPS

London, Dec. 23.—In the shipping paper Fair Play, Sir Norman Hill, secretary of the Liverpool steamship owners association, makes calculations that the effect of the German campaign on British shipping has been as follows:

"In the 27 months of the war from August, 1914, to October, 1916, 435 steam vessels, of more than 1,600 tons, representing 1,774,000 tons, gross register, were lost through war perils. Great Britain started the war with 2,600 steamships, of 16,000,000 tons gross, so

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WILL DISCUSS TRADE PROBLEMS AFTER WAR

National Civic Federation to Meet January 22 and 23.

Chairman Easley Says Present Moves For Peace Vividly Suggest Disturbance That is Bound to Occur In This Country

New York, Dec. 23.—Whether the present moves to end the great war prove "effective or abortive" they vividly suggest the economic disturbances that is bound to occur in this country when peace does come," according to Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive council of the National Civic Federation, in announcing today that the annual meeting of the federation will be held here January 22 and 23.

"Already in one of the nations at war," said Mr. Easley, "a joint committee of employers and employes is at work trying to arrange an industrial truce to operate for three years after the termination og the conflict. In another nation co-operative schemes of almost every description, backed by the government, are being formed in preparation for the economic war that is sure to follow the military engagement. Can the great industrial forces of the United States be brought into a more harmonious relation that they may give the best that is in them to meet these grave problems is the question which the Federation hopes to be able to have answered in the affirmative, at its annual meeting, by the leaders of these forces."

Subjects to be considered at the meeting of the federation will include: "The lesson from the mobilization on the Mexican border."

"The indifference, if not positive opposition of the wage earners and farm-

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EIGHT-HOUR DAY GIVEN SWITCHMEN

Also Granted Increase of Five Cents an Hour and Straight Pro Rata Over-Time.

THIRTEEN ROADS AFFECTED

Decision Announced by Federal Arbitration Board—Points Out Duty of Government to Protect Railway Interests.

New York, Dec. 23. — An 8-hour day, an increase in wages of 5 cents an hour, and straight pro rata over time, were granted to the members of the Switchmen's Union employed by thirteen Eastern and Middle Western railroads in an award filed here today by the Federal Board of Arbitration that heard their differences.

The decision of the board had been eagerly awaited by the railroads in general and the four major brotherhoods of railroad trainmen for what bearing it might have on the controversy between them over the Adamson act, in which the eight-hour day is a question at issue.

The decision today in the switchmen's case says that "eight hours or less shall constitute a day's work," gives "an increase of five cents an hour on the present rates of pay," and rules that "overtime shall be paid at pro rata rates," to be computed "on the basis of actual minutes worked."

How Wages Are Affected.

Switchmen at present receive a maximum hourly rate of 40 cents. The award increases this rate to 45 cents, so that, as explained tonight by Judge Charles B. Howrey, chairman of the board, on the eight hour basis they will receive $3.60 for a day's work, 40 cents less than they received under the ten-hour basis. By working ten hours under the new rate, they will receive $4.50, or 50 cents more than under the old rate.

In a statement appended to the award by Judge Howrey and Prof. Jeremiah W. Jenks, the neutral members of the board of six, it is declared that the hours of switchmen do not imply "excessive physical labor," that it has been established it will not be possible to make the actual working eight-hour day effective in the case of "more than a small percentage of the switching crews," and that "with the exception of one experiment, the testimony was unanimous to the effect that the efficiency of switchmen on the shorter work day would be only slightly increased, so that the burden of the shorter hours would fall almost entirely upon the railroads."

While the switchmen asked for a 10 cent increase, the statement emphasizes the point that the five-cent advance is the largest given in any arbitration. The increase was granted, the neutral arbitrators explain, by the high cost

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SPORTS

ANNUAL SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE WON BY EGG AND DUPUY

New York, Dec. 23.—Oscar Egg and Marcel Dupuy won the 24th annual six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, which closed at 11 o'clock tonight.

Root and Madden finished second in the race, with Spears and McNamara third; Kaiser and Cameron were fourth; Hull and Drobach fifth; DeBastes and Walthour sixth.

The six teams covered 2,625 miles and four laps. The record is 2,759 miles and two laps, made by Goullet and Grenda in 1914.

The Berlin point system was used in the scoring.

At 10 o'clock, the last hour of the race, the closing sprints began. There were 20 of them. Because they had lapped the field earlier in the evening, Egg and Dupuy were credited with winning all but one of the sprints.

RONDEAU BATTING LEADER IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Rondeau, of Minneapolis, formerly of the Americans, tops the list of batters in the American Association, according to the official batting averages, issued here today. In 16 games his average was .382. Becker, of Kansas City, formerly of the New York Nationals, is the real leader with an average of .343 in 153 games.

Demmitt, of Columbus, led with total bases, hitting for 275 bases, while Kirk, of Louisville, with 40, topped the two-base hitters. Riggert, St. Paul, with 19, made the greatest number of base hits and Becker was the home run leader with 15. Thorp, Minneapolis, led in base stealing with 48.

COLBY AND LOEB WIN THE SEMI-FINALS AT PINEHURST

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 23.—In the semi-finals of the men's singles in the St. Thomas tennis tournament here today Gardner Colby, Jr., of Orange, defeated H. T. Dana, Pinehurst, 6-2, 6-2, and Allan Loeb, of Chicago, defeated Harry Blagden, Washington, 6-0, 6-1.

Darkness stopped the finals in men's doubles after Gardner Colby and Allan Loeb had won two sets from Hart C. Febb, Hartford, and G. L. Austin, Hartford.

Miss Ether Tufts, of Boston, defeated Miss Dorothy Brown, of Montclair, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

SURPRISED THEIR FRIENDS.

Popular Couple of Mount Olive Married in Goldsboro.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mt. Olive, N. C., Dec. 23.—Taking their many friends by complete surprise, Mr. O. H. Knowles and Miss Eva English, two popular members of Mt. Olive's younger set, drove over to Goldsboro Friday night about 9:30 o'clock, where they were quietly married by Rev. Geo. T. Watkins, pastor of the First Baptist church there. Immediately following the marriage, they motored back to Mount Olive, later re-

[illegible] this morning for Washington, D. C., where they will spend [illegible] returning to their home here.

Mr. Knowles is a son of [illegible] Knowles, senior member of the firm of Y. H. Knowles Company, general merchants here, while the bride, a school girl of some 16 summers, is a native of High Point, who has been spending the past two or three winters here at the home of her cousin, DeBrutz English, attending school.

OVER $2,000 IN GIFTS.

Made by Mayor Armstrong, of Gastonia, to Cotton Mill Employes.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 23.—Col. C. B. Armstrong, mayor of the city and owner of the controlling interest in a group of cotton mills, announced tonight he had distributed $2,315 in Christmas gifts among his employes. The amounts varied as to the length of service with the company.

ONE PASSENGER KILLED

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—One passenger was killed and 60 injured, none seriously when a trailer attached to a trolley car jumped the track of the Boston Elevated Railway Company tonight. The car was well filled with home going shoppers.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY GIVEN SWITCHMEN

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of living and the "hazards and hardships of the work."

Should Protect Railroads.

"The increase," they state, "imposes a heavy burden upon the railroads, which owing to the interstate commerce law, they are unable to transfer to the shippers and thence to the public."

They add that "it is the duty of the properly constituted governmental authorities to protect railway interests in this regard so far as it is necessary."

The arbitrators were not unanimous in arriving at their decision, although all six signed the award. James B. Connors, of Chicago, assistant president of the Switchmen's Union, and W. A. Titus, of Cleveland, vice-president of the union, who represented the switchmen on the board, filed a minority report, dissenting from the awards of the five cents an hour increase and the pro rata over time. E. F. Potter, of Minneapolis, assistant general manager of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie railway, and T. W. Evans, assistant general manager of the New York Central, representing the railroads, also filed a minority report, dissenting to the eight-hour grant.

The board held its first meeting here November 13, last. Public hearings were held from that date to December 8, and 1,496 pages of testimony were taken. The award makes no mention of the date the new wage scale becomes effective, but it was assumed by railroad officials that it would apply at once.

PREDICT A SETTLEMENT OF ENTIRE RAILWAY DISPUTE

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—The railroad trainmen next week will proceed with their eight-hour day negotiations with the railroads and an early settlement is expected as a result of the award of the arbitrators giving the switchmen an eight-hour day and a five-cent an hour wage increase.

While both Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in statements issued tonight, express dissatisfaction with the switchmen's award, they declared that their own controversy with the railroads over an eight-hour day now will be settled speedily.

"The arbitrators did not give the switchmen what they wanted most and that was an eight-hour day with time and a half penalty for overtime," said Mr. Lee. "An 8-hour day without any means of enforcing it is not an eight-hour day at all.

"Now that the switchmen's award is made, we will continue with our negotiations with the railroads. Both sides were waiting to see what the arbitration award would develop. We are to meet Thursday with the managers' committee in New York. I am confident we will reach a decision before January 1s[illegible]

"The increase of five cents an hour will not be enough to offset the loss of pay by cutting working hours from ten to eight," said Mr. Stone.

"At 49 cents an hour the switchman is now earning $4.90 in a 10-hour day. At 45 cents an hour for eight hours he will be earning only $3.60. However, the [illegible] controversy has arrived [illegible] settlement can be expected at

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newspaper thinks, has not caught the true meaning of the note and it expresses belief that after mature consideration it will find its first impressions altered at least in part. Indeed, adds the Popolo Romano, it is unwise to give the impression that the Entente Allies are wounded by the President's note, which it says asks in the main the intentions of each group of belligerents to ascertain if a speedy peace is possible and regulate the future actions of America toward promoting integrity and justice among the nations.

320 BELGIANS ARE RETURNED TO HOMES FROM GERMANY

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 20, (to the Associated Press by wireless to Sayville, Dec. 23).—It is announced officially that 320 workmen who had been transported from Belgium to Germany have been returned to their homes in response to a number of complaints. Other cases are being investigated as speedily as possible.

The return of the workmen is made under the rules prescribed by General Von Bissing, governor-general of the occupied portions of Belgium.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF OBJECT OF WAR IS ALL THAT IS REQUESTED

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was foreseen, but officials expect it to lose weight and importance as the first impressions wear off.

The early resentment in London and Paris on the assumption that the President's note declared both belligerents were fighting for the same object is regarded as unwarranted at the State Department where today it was said great pains had been taken to avoid that very inference.

Avowed Objects Not Specific.

Stress was laid on the President's words to show that he had not expressed any conviction that both sets of belligerents were fighting for the same objects. On the other hand, the language of the note, it was pointed out, specifically said the statesmen of both groups of belligerents had so stated their objects in general terms to the people of their own countries. Officials were gratified to see this view being pointed out in some of the later foreign comment received today.

The phrase was written, it was said, after study of the more recent statements of the belligerents rather than the statements at the time they entered the war. Then the avowed objects of all the nations were more specific. Italy, for instance, coming into the war with an official statement of what she felt necessary for her future. Since then, however, on all sides, it is felt a constantly increasing vagueness has been growing up, which now is expanding into the most nebulous terms.

One Hopeful Sign.

General hostility to the note, at first, both in Allied and Teutonic countries as conveyed in news dispatches, was regarded by officials as one of the most hopeful signs, as it indicated that the note was neutral. Especially was the hostility in some of the German papers pleasing, as it was thought that when the Allies realized that the plan was not so welcome to their enemies they would give to it more earnest and more impartial consideration.

No Early Reply Expected.

The possibility of an early reply is discounted here. The Central Powers have indicated that they will not risk laying down their peace terms until they have had a reply to their own proposals from the Entente. While the reply now is finished, it will take a week to distribute it to the various powers. The Entente, having both that reply and the President's note to consider and consisting of ten different nations, all with different interests, is expected to require considerable time to get its views into shape for transmission. The Allies' reply to the Central Powers will not be made public here.

NUMEROUS BONUSES GIVEN

Celebrations Begin With Tree on Floor of Stock Exchange.

New York, Dec. 23.—There was no lack of Christmas cheer for workers in the financial district on the eve of Christmas, for bonuses were distributed yesterday and today on unprecedented scale.

Celebrations began with a tree on the floor of the stock exchange for exchange employes and their families. Presents also were provided by the brokers for the poor families living in the "back yard of Wall Street," one of the most densely populated districts in the city.

Police stations tomorrow will distribute gifts to thousands. Funds were collected by the police in their respective precincts.

JUDGE PRITCHARD AND HARRISON TO TESTIFY

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and appropriating for running expenses of the corporation. He has demanded that Alexander turn over the deeds of a tract that the defendant said he would give the festival company, but his request has not been complied with, it is alleged.

WILL DISCUSS TRADE PROBLEMS AFTER WAR

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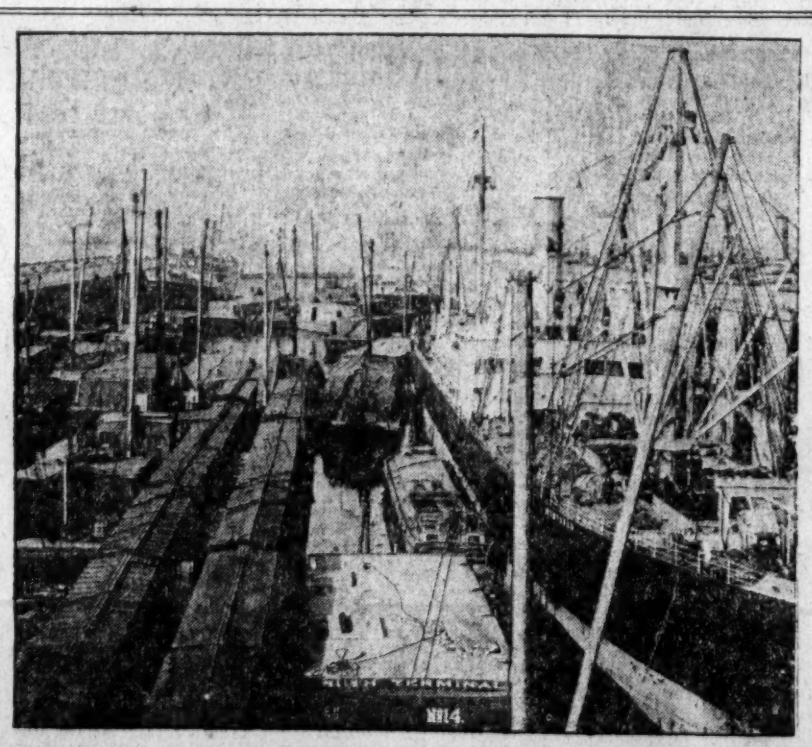
ers to all preparedness programmes."

"Will there be a flood of immigration or a flood of emigration?"

"Must this country, to secure military efficiency, copy the paternalistic social programme of Germany?"

"Can the great forces of production, of labor and of finance be cemented into one big force to grapple with the on-coming problems?"

FREIGHT CONGESTION AT AN OCEAN TERMINAL.



This photograph shows one example of conditions existing along the Atlantic seaboard. The dock is that of Bush Terminal, Brooklyn, N. Y., where many ammunition and other shipments are made daily to the Allies. Freight cars shown in the picture are to be unloaded at some future date. Just when nobody knows because some of these have been standing lately for weeks before they could be emptied. This congestion, naturally, has a good deal to do with the present high cost of living, it is said.

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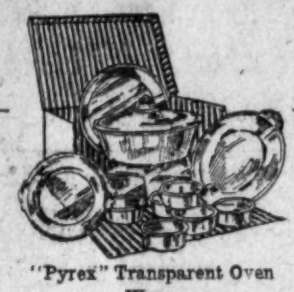

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WARNS AGAINST ANY HASTY ACTION ON WILSON'S NOTE

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done nothing in the face of a flagrant public crime one lacks authority to judge between victim and assassin."

TAKE VIEW THAT KING'S SPEECH WAS ADEQUATE REPLY

London, Dec. 23.—A majority of the evening newspapers here take the view that the speech of King George on proroguing parliament in which he said that a "vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor" was an adequate reply to the American note and the Pall Mall Gazette suggests that President Wilson should now withdraw it, adding:

"Whether the President has been over-simple or over-subtle, the evident fact is that he has blundered and unless the blunder be promptly revoked it may bring evil and irrevocable fruit. What should now be done is to withdraw the note and let its deplorable effects be assuaged as best they may by the forces of time and silence."

The Evening Standard thinks President Wilson was induced to take the step by a German threat of a ruthless submarine campaign and says that Secretary of State Lansing's reference to a verge of war must have referred to this.

The Evening Globe takes the same view.

GERMAN PRESS COMMENTS ON LLOYD-GEORGE'S SPEECH

Berlin, Dec. 23, (via Sayville).—The Overseas News Agency gives out for publication comments appearing in the evening papers on the recent speech by the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd-George. The agency says that the papers consider as the two most important points of the speech, Mr. Lloyd-George's demand for "restitution, reparation and guarantees," and second, Mr. Lloyd-George's declaration that he fears the Central Powers might entrap the Entente by their peace offer. It contaiinues:

"The Deutsche Tage Zeitung considered Lloyd-George's words as full confirmation of the annexationist program advocated by representatives of the Entente and enumerates the parts of the territory of the Central Powers, which according to this program, the members of the Entente wish to conquer and annex, as, for instance, Constantinople, which the Entente has promised to the Russians."

The Vossische Zeitung asked whether Lloyd-George fears he may be entrapped because he is forced to recognize the strength of Germany and because it is known that the Entente has been unable to change the present war situation.

The Berliner Tageblatt, with reference to the same utterance, says that either Lloyd-George has a poor opinion of British diplomacy or wants to lay the blame at the door of the Central Powers, if the Entente declines their offer of peace negotiations. The Tageblatt adds that "apparently Lloyd-George has the same object if the peace conditions of the Entente are embodied in the already mentioned ambiguous words by which really nothing is meant but the humiliation of Germany."

SAY LLOYD-GEORGE ATTEMPTED TO AVOID QUESTION AT ISSUE

Berlin, Dec. 23. (via Sayville)—The Kolnische Volks Zeitung and the Hamburger Fremdenblatt, according to the Overseas News Agency, point out that the British premier, Lloyd-George, in his recent speech, attempted to avoid the question at issue and find pretexts against the offer of the Central Powers. They are quoted as saying:

"While the Central Powers were the first that dared to pronounce the word 'peace' and invite the world to a discussion of the future, Lloyd-George turns his back, re-opens discussions about the past and the causes of the war. Thus Lloyd-George implicitly declines the offer made by the Central Powers and at the same time wants to hold them responsible in the eyes of the world if the war continues. Lloyd-George would rather pronounce judgment in his case than accept the idea of a discussion in a conference."

$10,000 CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Given by Guggenheim Brothers for Auditorium at Hampton Institute.

New York, Dec. 23.—Announcement was made here tonight that Simon Guggenheim and his brothers had contributed $10,000 as a Christmas gift toward the construction of an auditorium at Hampton (Va.) Institute. The auditorium is now being erected as a tribute to the devotion of the late Robert C. Ogden to the cause of education in the South. The gift of the Guggenheims was made through former President Taft, who is president of the board of trustees of Hampton Institute, and chairman of the Ogden memorial committee.

The new building with its equipment will cost $200,000.

NEW SLANT ON "PARASITES"

The Word Popularly Misapplied, Says a Woman Writer.

(Anna Steese Richardson in McClure's Magazine).

Parasitism is not a matter of the pay envelope, but of the soul!

Several years ago some adroit public speaker, with an eye to the newspaper headlines of the next morning, coined the phrase, "the parasitic wife." He meant the woman once removed from the mistress by a marriage license, who contributes nothing to the economic and social body. Undiscriminating speakers and writers seized upon the phrase as an effective epithet to hut at any woman who did not share their "advanced" views. And an unthinking public came to see any single woman who does not engage in some gainful occupation as a parasite, any wife who does not actually contribute her share to the family exchequer or do the entire housework for her family as a parasitic creature.

The intelligent, efficient wife and mother who, by the aid of one or more servants, makes a home for her husband and children, and incidentally contributes her share of interest and energy to church and charity is viewed with scorn, while the unintelligent girl or woman who plagues her employers by her inefficiency and has no desire to give just returns for the wages paid her is crowned as "economically independent" and therefore "non-parasitic."

In factories, stores, offices and professions are fine women with high ideals and clear vision, who contribute, equally with efficient women in the home, to the social body. But working alongside them are thousands of girls and women who engage in gainful occupations only because economic conditions force them to do so. By the aid of sex lure they give the minimum in energy and service. They are the parasites of the industrial world, and in spite of their pay envelopes they contribute no more to the social body than the slothful mistress or the butterfly wife.

TRAGEDY AT MT. AIRY

Will Johnson Shoots Down Dr. J. R. Moorefield on Street.

Mt. Airy, N. C., Dec. 23.—Will Johnson, son of J. E. Johnson, editor of the Mt. Airy News, shot Dr. J. R. Moorefield yesterday afternoon, inflicting injuries which, it is feared, will prove fatal. The shooting took place in front of the post office. Domestic troubles were said to be the cause.

Mr. Johnson, who did the shooting, is a prominent newspaper man and is associated with his father in the publishing of the News. It is said he is one of the owners of the plant, one of the best in Western North Carolina.

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EVENTS OF A WEEK IN AND ABOUT LUMBERTON

Rushing Business Follows Period of Very Bad Weather.

Rev. N. R. Pittman in Robeson—Trip to Charlotte—Holiday Visitors Arrive—Liquor Slow Coming In—Personals

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 23.—For bad weather, which has prevailed during the greater part of the present week, it would be hard to beat. Rain, sleet, wind, cold and all that goes to make up bad weather has prevailed, but yesterday morning the sun came out and the day was ideal, barring high winds.

As the week draws to a close, trouble at the express office increases, and Agent Boylin is to be sympathized with. Heretofore it was easy to get a quart in three days, but now it takes nearer three weeks. The business seems to be divided between Baltimore and Jacksonville, the latter place apparently being the favorite.

Scores of orders have gone in, and yesterday when the train came which was expected to bring a load, not a quart came. It will be after Christmas before the thirst of many will be quenched.

In Charlotte yesterday morning the writer witnessed one of the causes which creates so much ill feeling against railroads. At the station for the 5 o'clock train leaving for Wilmington was a large crowd waiting for tickets, several of the number wanting round trip holiday tickets. By railroad time, the young man in the office opened up 18 minutes before time for the train to leave. Among the first to call for a ticket was Mr. D. M. Bain, of Wilmington, who asked for a straight ticket to that city. Mr. Agent paid no attention to Mr. Bain until he had waited on two or three ladies, when Mr. Bain again asked for a ticket, but the ticket seller paid no attention to him, seemingly wanting to wait on everybody else first. Mr. Bain reminded Mr. Agent that he had been waiting for some time and would like to have his ticket. Teher the little 2x4 reached around Mr. Bain and asked a lady if she wanted a ticket. Mr. Bain then asked the big official how long the ticket office was supposed to be opened before departure of trains, and the reply was "2 hours." We do not know who the young man is, neither do we care, but we do know that railroads are often abused for just such acts as that. If anyone doubts one word of this statement, regarding the treatment accorded Mr. Bain, let them ask him. The ticket seller went further and told Mr. Bain if he did not get away from the window he would have him removed.

The Star correspondent spent three days in Charlotte this week, taking in the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Motion Picture League. The daily papers have already told all about the meeting and there is nothing left for us, except to say that we had the pleasure of meeting several of those high up in the motion picture world and meeting many friends from over the State and elsewhere, whom we meet only at these gatherings. It was our great pleasure to meet Mr. Maurice Costello and Miss Rose Tapley, two of Vitagraph's brightest shining stars, both of whom are Lumberton favorites. Charlotte exchanges, and the city at large, had one aim in view—every visitor must be at home while in the city.

Mr. J. C. Bell, who has been conducting the big "Cotton Carnival" sale for Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, left this evening for his home in Atlanta to spend Christmas with his family. Mr. Bell will return next Wednesday morning and be with the firm until April. On Thursday afternoon Mr. Bell in company with members of the firm, salesladies and salesmen, and all the little boys who have been entered for prizes during the carnival will be guests of the Pastime Theatre.

The Opera House management announces that it will offer Price & Bonnell's New York Minstrels Thursday night of next week, as the closing attraction of 1916. This minstrel was here last season and those who saw it know that it was a good clean show. The prices will range from 25 cents to $1.00. Seats will go on sale at Pope's Tuesday morning.

On the train yesterday morning we met Rev. N. R. Pitman, a native of this county, but for many years residing in the West. He will be in the county several days on business. He was one of our boyhood friends, whom we are always glad to see. It's amusing now to hear him tell of experiences when learning the printer's trade on The Robesonian over 40 years ago when he received the enormous salary of $1.00 and board per week to play the devil's part. But he ceased sticking type and went to pushing a pencil, which vocation he still enjoys when not engaged in ministerial work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wishart and two children, of Ocala, Fla., arrived here this week to visit relatives. Mr. Wishart is a son of the late Mr. Robert E. Wishart, of this county, who went to Georgia something like 40 years ago and engaged in the turpentine business. This is Mr. Wishart's first visit to his father' native State.

Mr. C. M. Fuller returned from St. Louis yesterday where he purchased three car loads of mules, which are expected to arrive tomorrow and Monday.

As is the usual custom, The Robesonian will miss one issue the coming week, there being no paper published on Monday, Christmas day. This is nothing but right and proper, as the force who work so hard to give the people the paper on time throughout the year should have at least three days recreation at Christmas. Here's wishing all connected with The Robesonian a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Lumberton young people who have been attending different institutions of learning in this and other State shave arrived to spend the holidays with their loved ones.

Yesterday and today being the only two days of the week upon which shoppers could get out on account of the bad weather, business has been rushing, or that's the way it appears.

Mr. Lloyd McMillan, accompanied by Messrs. Rexford Stephens and R. L. Shelby, left tonight for Baltimore, where on next Wednesday he will claim as his bride, Miss Mary Lane Schafer, of that city. Miss Schafer is pleasantly remembered by friends here. She resided in Lumberton for some time.

Things will happen some time anyhow, it just can't be helped. It so happened last night, the first night of the week so that shoppers could get out, the entire residential section was in total eclipse as far as street lights were concerned. It was some dark night too, but it just happened so.

Last night the Star man was carried back to the days when he was much younger than now and would occasionally accompany the two policemen assigned to duty in old "Paddy's Hollow." Many Wilmington people know what conditions were in the "hollow" in those days. We dont know where it came from, but the attraction that opened the vacant store next door the postoffice, on the main street of Lumberton last night, is a good reproduction of what "Paddy Hollow" used to be, when the city of Wilmington would send a lone policeman in that section of the city after night. If that place is to be allowed, then there should be an up town postoffice established for the ladies.

Turkeys are not making much noise around this section and we have an idea that the slaughter of these fowls here is going to be the smallest in years.

A large delegation of Christmas shoppers from Bladen, came in on the early train from Wilmington this morning, and if the large suit cases that were brought along were returned full, a big hole was cut in Lumberton's Christmas goods.

The Star's Lumberton correspondent wishes the Star force, great and small, and all its readers all the pleasures to be obtained in the many ways to be happy during Christmas. The greatest pleasure to be obtained is in effort to give pleasure to others. If we all strive to make others happy, we will enjoy the same blessing.

Miss Helen Weinstein who is a student in a Salem, Va., Conservatory of Music, arrived in town last night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein.

W. S. W.

New York, Dec. 23.—Columbia University again won the inter-collegiate chess championship, which was finished here today, with a score of eight points won. The Yale team was second with 6½ points; Harvard third with 5½, and Princeton last with four points.

PROGRAMME IS ANNOUNCED

For Convention of Carolina Municipal Association in Raleigh January 9 and 10.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The full programme for the annual meeting of the Carolina Municipal Association, to be held in Raleigh January 9 and 10, has been announced. One of the subjects of chief interest to be given attention at the convention will be the effect of the new constitutional amendments upon the government and finances of cities and towns.

The convention will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms in the Commercial Bank building, Mayor Murphy, of Greensboro, presiding. One of the most significant speeches to be made during the convention will be that of W. S. Wilson, legislative reference librarian, of Raleigh, who will talk upon the subject of "Home Rule for Our Cities and Towns Under the State Constitution as Amended."

The programme follows:

Tuesday, January 9, a. m.

Meeting called to order by the president, Mayor T. J. Murphy, of Greensboro.

Invication by Rev. C. P. Willcox, rector of St. Xavier's church, Raleigh.

Address of welcome—Mayor James I. Johnson, of Raleigh.

Response—Mayor B. S. Skinner, of Durham.

President's address.

Address—"Municipal Government in Ohio," Dr. A. R. Hatton, of Cleveland, Ohio.

General discussion.

Adjournment.

3 p. m.—Report of special legislative committee appointed to draft general laws for submission to the Legislature chartering and financing cities and towns of the State.

Report of officers and committees of the association and general discussion of same.

6 p. m.—Adjournment—Banquet at Yarborough house by the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Raleigh at 7:30 p. m.

Second Day.

Wednesday, January 10, 11 a. m.—Meeting called to order by president.

Address—"Home rule for our cities and towns under State Constitution as amended."—Hon. W. S. Wilson, legislative reference librarian, Raleigh.

Address—"Is street paving a financial as well as civic asset"—Mayor Fred I. Sutton, Kinston.

General discussion.

Adjournment.

Three o'clock p. m.—Meeting.

Discussion on "Fire Prevention and Protection," led by Hon. J. R. Young, insurance commissioner; Mayor J. D. McNeill, Fayetteville.

Address—"Parks and Playgrounds."—Mayor O. B. Eaton, Winston-Salem.

Business session.

Election of officers.

Selection of next place of meeting.

Final adjournment.

RUMANIA AND THE FORTUNES OF WAR

How Roumania has fared in times gone by in the coudse of wars between her neighbors is strikingly shown in a statement prepared for the National Geographic Society by Ralph A. Graves the distinguished writer and traveler, as follows:

"For a thousand years the country was the shuttlecock in the game of political battledore and shuttlecock staged by the sovereigns of Europe-Russia, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Turkey. Once Peter the Great established a protectorate over the Roumanians. Then came Catherine the Great with a plan to annex them to Russia. Austria, afraid that such a course meant Russian territorial expansion in a direction that threatened her, objected so vehemently that Catherine reconsidered, and Moldavia and Wallachia were placed, in 1774, under the suzerainty of Turkey. In 1861 the two principalities decided to unite under the name of Roumania, in accordance with an agreement reached by the Powers following the Crimean War. Their autonomy guaranteed, the Roumanians selected an army officer, Col. Alexander Cuza, as their prince, who thereupon came into power under the title of Alexander John I, Prince of Roumania.

"In 1866, the ruling element in Bucharest decided that they wanted a change, so they politely invaded the prince's bedroom one night, gave him a certificate of abdication to sign, and announced that there was a carriage waiting which would convey him to the station where he was to take the night express for Paris. He obeyed, and disappeared forever from public gaze.

"The Congress of Berlin, which overturned the Russo-Turkish treaty of San Stefano, did not interfere with Russia's determination to force Roumania to accept Dobrudja in exchange for Bessarabia, and Roumania came out with less than she had when she went in. All she could do was to console herself with Lord Beaconsfield's remark to her that 'In politics the best services are often rewarded with ingratitude.'

"Thereafter, a provisional government elected the Count of Flanders, brother to the late King of Belgium. But Austri and the other Powers protested so vigorously that the act was reconsidered and Prince Charles called, as previously stated. When Carol assumed the throne it became one of his principal aims to free his country from the suzerainty of Turkey. When the conflict between Russia and Turkey was impending in 1875, he first attempted to have the Powers guarantee the neutrality of Roumania during the war; but they were too busy with their own affairs, and his efforts failed.

"Then Roumania decided to enter an agreement with Russia. This agreement, which is illuminating, in the light of present day history, granted free passage of Russian troops over Roumania soil, Russia undertaking to respect the political rights and to defend the integrity of Roumania.

"One of the first acts of Roumania after hostilities began was to declare her independence of Turkey. As the war proceeded, Russia found herself in sore need of help. Repeated appeals finally brought Roumanian participation, and Prince Carol was given the supreme command of the allied forces before Plevna, where he gained a great but costly victory. When the war ended and Turkey and Russia entered into the Treaty of San Stefano, it did recognize Roumania independence, although Roumania was not admitted to the peace conference. But it also provided that Roumania should get the swampy country between the Danube, where it flows north, and the Black Sea. On the other hand, Russia was to have Bessarabia, territory which Roumania claimed and a part of which she had occupied.

"Roumania stood firm against the idea of giving up the beautiful Bessarabia in exchange for the unattractive Dobrudja. Russia, thereupon, threatened to disarm the Roumanian army to which the Prince responded that Russia might destroy his army, but that it could not be disarmed."

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

And there were in that country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: "Fear not, for behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all nations. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." LUKE 2:8-14.

Merry Christmas!

Our aims are nothing unless they are suited to our actions.

"Free lances in the House." Are there no free lunches yet?

Greetings! The season's blessings upon you. You are everybody.

The experience of the "war brides" indicates that Wall Street can see peace ahead.

Don't burn all your bridges behind you, because you may have to take the back track.

Treaties would be worth having if they were to make rolls of paper of them instead of "scraps of paper."

After a great deal of fighting that does not amount to much either way, they hate to call it a draw without making somebody pay the damage.

Diamonds don't have to be boycotted when the price does not suit. Nobody gets mad with them, for they are not classed among a person's actual needs.

Here's wishing that you may have a most pleasant Christmas and that you may spend it so that the recollection of it when it is past will be just as pleasant!

Wilmington ought to have a paper mill regardless of what the prices are for paper. That is one of the big opportunities that we ought to know is ours.

The silk stocking that is hung up tonight will not be found empty tomorrow morning. How about the ragged cotton stocking? There's where tragedy lurks on the Christ's birthday!

It is now said that "Villa asks to be let alone." We infer from that remark that we have been bothering him to some extent, even though he always kept ahead of those who wanted to do something to him.

What a great reduction there would be in the sum of the world's worries and troubles and ill feelings and fault finding if we all had to do like a jury—hear the evidence on both sides of the case before we render a verdict against our fellow man!

Colonel Bryan lost no time in wiring his approval of President Wilson's appeal to the European belligerents to declare themselves. Colonel Bryan senses it as a peace movement, else he would have hesitated at saying that he is for it.

Brother Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, which heretofore has been printed on nice, white clean book paper, has fallen with the rest of the brethren upon the high cost of news print. Wherefore, he thus delivers himself: "We have bought a carload of dishrag paper at an enormous advance over what this nice paper cost us, and will soon come out in our homespun clothes. The newspaper trust has taken **one thousand dollars** out of the mouths of the children of the Orphanage. And yet they talk about good trusts!"

THE CAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

We were pretty sure that the government finally would come to the conclusion that the high cost of living was largely an economic problem that could not be settled by investigations and prosecutions, although the government proposes to investigate and prosecute in all cases where the statute law is being violated. That will not reduce prices generally, but it will reduce some of those who break the laws of the country. Prosecutions don't stop stealing, but it gets some of those who do some of the stealing; also, it is safe to say that there is less stealing than there would be if it were understood that there were to be no prosecutions for stealing.

Prices go up and down on the hundreds of things that we need in our living proposition. The government has frankly confessed that the ramifications of prices are too varied to be followed in a way to lower the cost of living while you wait. In fact, the law of supply and demand operates in spite of all human laws and regulations. Mr. Frank Andrews, who is connected with the United States Department of Agriculture, is one of the greatest and readiest statisticians in this or any other country, and he looks over the figures representing production and then considers the normal and abnormal demand here and there throughout the world. He figures on prices at the source of production and adds to them the cost of transportation and distribution to distant points of consumption. He has come to the conclusion that the figures in some notable instances reveal the fact that the cost of living is an economic matter that each community may or may not solve for itself. The government can't.

So far as the South's living expense is concerned, that bears out The Star's assertions off and on that we are too far away from where we get our flour and meat and corn and feedstuffs and all kinds of eat stuffs. First handling, transportation, distribution, second handling, commissions and profits here and there for everybody between us and the shipping point way off yonder simply add to the original cost and we pay the whole when we buy what is raised in the West, as we might say. When we are too far away from the hand that feeds us it is bound to make prices high for us.

Mr. Andrews takes wheat as one example. The price for wheat varies during different years. It starts with the price that the farmers in Kansas, Minnesota and other wheat growing states get for their wheat. When it leaves the farms and is shipped to the mills or is shipped by the car load to us, the price keeps growing till finally the ultimate consumer feels like he has been held up. The farm price for wheat in Kansas this fall has been $1.45 a bushel. From the farms it is shipped to the elevators and from the elevators it is shipped to the mills or to the ports for export—via New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Portland, Me., in the East; to Newport News, on the South Atlantic; to New Orleans, Galveston and Port Arthur, on the Gulf of Mexico, and to Portland, Ore., Tacoma and Seattle, on the Pacific. At the ports the price of wheat takes in all the additional cost and it keeps climbing till the consumer somewhere foots the whole bill.

For instance, when wheat sold in Kansas at 87 cents a bushel a few years back, it sold in Philadelphia at $1.14 a bushel, because the freight by railwas 21.8 cents a bushel, while other additional expenses were 5.7 cents per bushel—making 27 1-2 cents to add to the Kansas price. The Kansas family, therefore, ate bread from flour that cost about 392 cents a barrel, while the Philadelphia family paid $5.14 for the same flour—a difference of $1.22 a barrel. Pennsylvanians, therefore, can eat cheaper bread by raising their own wheat on which the transportation and handling cost can be avoided.

Likewise, the South can raise its bread and foodstuffs and meat and feedstuffs and save a freight bill alone of not less than $200,000,000 a year. The average production of wheat per acre in Kansas is 13 bushels. North Carolina ought to beat that, but Southern farmers could save money by growing 10 bushels per acre rather than depend on Kansas and pay the freight. North Carolina could even make more on wheat for export than Kansas makes, for the freight rates to the near-by ports would be less than the long haul rate from Kansas.

The long and the short of it is that the South can live relatively cheaper year in and year out by raising something to eat and paying less freight.

LOOKING FORWARD, GOING THAT WAY.

We are now looking the other way. We begin this morning the last week's journey on the last lap of 1916. We are facing towards a new year, and January, the namesake of Janus, the two-faced man, is waiting at the portals of 1917 to usher us into the anteroom of Father Time who will initiate us into the mysteries of the seventeenth year of the twentieth century.

January is facing this way for only the brief span of a week and within that swift flying week we will be face to face with the month which stands for the mythological deity with two faces—one looking this way and the other looking in another direction. The two-face man lingers at the portals of a new year and when Father Time points to the hour of 12 at the end of this old year he will call time on 1916. Then old Janus will face the other way with us and accompany us for 31 days. With the mysteries of each day and each month of the fleeting and succeed years, providentially veiled from us, we go on ahead. We know that we are going "somewhere" as the trustful, hopeful, courageous guests of the Old Man With the Sickle steering for us during the flight of Time. The stopping place for some of us may be reached any day, yet some go on and on during the coming years, only some certain day to reach the one that is numbered for us to depart silently from the midst of the humanity that survives.

Tomorrow we are here to celebrate the great Christmas festival that typifies to us the glorious birth of a new hope, the inspiration of a faith that looks ahead and upward as we go forward in life. The old year will soon speed away from us and be numbered with the past that is gone forever. We may look back and remember that it had sorrow, or happiness, or success, or triumph, or achievement for each or all, but it is vain to look back. We cannot recall a vanished past.

January beckons us forward. Looking this way now, January will look the other way after seven suns more. We will have to look the other way, too, and go forward and not backward. We won't get anything from the dead past, but in a new year lies our future hopes and all our opportunities and plans for the future—temporal and eternal.

We may look back, but Time does not look backward. It carries us on while we look back. Then why look back, since there is no hope in anything but the future? Nothing comes to us from a past that is gone into oblivion. We cannot forget but we must remember that "the mill will never grind with the waters that have passed."

Whatsoever we are to do for ourselves, or for humanity, or for posterity, or for civilization, or for Wilmington, or for North Carolina, will have to be done next year. Our score is up for the year that is bidding us farewell.

What is our vision for the new year coming swiftly to take us along with it? What are our aspirations, purposes, plans and programme for 1917?

THE DARING THAT SAVES OTHERS.

Instinctively, there is in all of us a sense that ascribes heroism to those who do daring deeds to rescue others. The highest type of hero is he who takes a risk to save others who are battling with risk more imminent perhaps but none the more grave than taking the chances for their rescue. Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son, of this city, must have had that in mind when that well known Wilmington firm was thoughtful enough to record their recognition of the due meed of praise that those who deserve it should have for saving life as well as property. Thus the Army and Navy Register refers to their communication by way of expressing words of praise for those close to us at Wilmington:

"High praise comes to the entire Coast Guard for its efficiency and fearlessness in conserving life and property at sea in a communication from Alexander Sprunt & Son, of Wilmington, N. C., shipowners, underwriters, exporters and underwriters of shipping insurance as agents of the Lloyds. The communication, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, primarily takes occasion to compliment the work of the cutter Seminole, under the direction of her commander, Captain P. H. Uberroth, in salvaging the Italian steamer Edilio, cast ashore on Cape Fear bar recently. 'The quality of mercy is not strained,' says the communication, 'by the fine fellows who respond so quickly and eagerly to the "S. O. S." wireless call for help. An unwritten law compels them to succor a fellow seaman in distress even at the risk of their own destruction. It stirs the blood of all humanity to read of ships like the Seminole tossed upon the raging sea ,yet standing by a sinking ship until every man is rescued from the jaws of death. Risks and hazards are cheerfully assumed by the Coast Guard, the sole object to be attained being relief for the distressed and the performance of duty. We desire to convey to you,' says the letter, 'as director of this great boon to the commerce of our coast, on behalf of the owners and underwriters of the Italian steamship Edilio, an expression of their profound gratefulness for the recent service of the Seminole under command of Capt. P. H. Uberroth in hauling this steamer off Cape Fear bar where she had been stranded for a week past'."

The Star is glad to give more voice to the praise so aptly expressed in such appreciative sentiments as we find in the foregoing. We endorse all that is said for Captain Uberroth and his gallant cutter crew. They are ready and daring at all times when and where duty calls, and that call comes often from out of the midst of boisterous elements and raging seas—always calls to face the danger, exposure and hardships that come to the braves who "go down to the sea."

The Coast Guard are heroes worth while and there are none braver or more deserving than those hardy, fearless men who never hesitate to answer the distress cries that come from out of the storm and from amidst the breakers that vie in fury with the howling tempest upon the sea. In the column from which we take the reference to Messrs. Sprunt & Son's communication there is other mention and tribute concerning the heroes of the sea. One is a report to the effect that on the 15th of November a motor boat stranded off Fort Macon, N. C., at a point one mile northwest of Station 119, on a lee shore, with the wind blowing very hard. There were four persons in the launch and they were in grave danger of being drowned. After three hazardous attempts, the crew of the station reached the vessel, saved its terrified occupants and towed their launch undamaged to Morehead City.

These are only among the hundreds of incidents that enable us to recognize the master type of the bravery, daring and skill of the men who do guard duty on the coast. Hats off to all the cutter and station men for whom a maddened sea has no terrors that they will not brave when duty nerves them for the work of rescue.

PAPER MILL AT SAVANNAH

It is announced that a new $500,000 wood pulp mill being built at Savannah will be in operation by the 1st of next June. The plant is being put up at Port Wentworth, an industrial suburb, and the machinery will be installed as readily as it can be had from the Northern machinery plants. The paper mill is being put up by interests allied with the new sugar refinery and other manufacturing plants established by Northern capital concerned in making Port Wentworth a diversified manufacturing city within itself. The pulp mill will be started just as soon as machinery can be had, according to George S. Lewis, of Holyoke, Mass., and H. G. Levick, a member of the firm of Lee Higginson & Co., bankers of Boston. Messrs. Lewis and Levick are in Savannah in the interest of the backers of the several enterprises.

It is announced that the most difficult machinery to obtain has already been purchased. The output of the mill will be sixty tons of pulp a day, or eighteen thousand tons a year. The refuse from the Port Wentworth lumber mill, which now has practically no commercial value, will be used in the manufacture of the pulp. This, however, will not be enough to run the mill to capacity, and the smaller timber from the various tracts owned by the allied interest which is now of small commercial value, will be used to supplement the refuse.

In this manner, by using refuse and commercial valueless timber and applying scientific methods for the elimination of waste, the pulp mill will be able to produce paper at a much smaller cost than many of the other mills.

The situation which is confronting the newspaper industry in the storage of print paper will not be affected in any way by the establishment of the new pulp mill, as it will manufacture an entirely different grade of pulp. The pulp turned out will be of the sulphite grade used in the manufacture of kraft paper, one of the lightest and strongest papers manufactured and used largely in the commercial and business world for books and magazines requiring especially strong pages and very light weight.

We thank our friends, one and all, for their Yuletide greetings by cheery cards and mementoes, such as Santa Claus has suggested. When there are things that tug and nag and worry and fret, and the shadows come ever and anon, there come by times the messages and the missives that cheer and give courage and make us gratefully remember that there are thoughtful and kind friends who have not forgotten us.

Wilson has repeatedly been unjustly accused of being more friendly in his attitude towards the Entente Allies than towards the Teutonic nations, and vice versa. In that connection it is very interesting to note the attitude of the two groups of belligerents toward his neutral and friendly insistence that both sides state specific terms of peace—the reception given his notes in the various capitals, for instance.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Wilmington Star says that "about one-third of what most things cost is their transportation and selling expense." Quite right; if a drummer can sell ten sacks of corn in a day, he is doing fairly well and his expenses run up towards $10 per day. The merchant could order the corn with a one cent postal card.—Bladen Journal.

It is quite a generous and beautiful and spectacular thing that the governor has done in distributing $6,150 of the taxpayers' money to convicts' families, nor will the governor thereby lose any votes among those members of said families whom felonies have not disfranchised. But one is left wondering just when the people of North Carolina selected the governor as their almoner.—Greensboro News.

To scoff at "book farming" now is to advertise oneself as a mossback. It was the Lord himself who started the business of having men go to the book of knowledge, when He gave us the Bible; and man can hardly do better than to pattern after the Lord's example. The next time a man ridicules scientific farming and asks you if you believe in "book farming," ask him is he believes in "book religion." We don't claim, of course, that man has made as good a book as the Lord made, but shouldn't man try to follow in His footsteps and put into books whatever knowledge on any subject will help better human conditions—and then use the book?—Progressive Farmer.

"Wilmington, Raleigh, Charlotte and Savannah are each to have a packing house," observes the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, which adds by way of comment: "It begins to look as if every city of any importance in the South, with the single exception of Norfolk, will soon be provided for in this respect." But the Norfolk Southern's packing plant at Belhaven, in North Carolina, will doubtless serve the purpose for Norfolk until such time as that city might get into the notion of building a packing plant of its own.—Charlotte Observer.

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The employe who learns to manage his personal affairs so that he saves money, will use his employer's time and material wisely. The man who is careful about little things will be careful about the larger ones. If he keeps careful record of what he spends, he will be careful in investing his money. Big traits of character manifest themselves in little acts.

As the man of thrift saves his money, and sees his bank account grow, he becomes interested in the proposition of owning a home; for every normal man aspires to own his own fireside. Homes bring contentment, and contentment better workmen, whose minds are on their tasks. And when he owns his home, he becomes interested in his town, the tax rate, the public improvements, the paving, lighting and sewer problems of the community. As a rent payer, he has no interest in these things. Once he becomes interested in these things he becomes a better citizen—a real asset to his town. The man who has a bank account is able to stay with a concern over a dull period and live on reduced wages if need be, while the one without must seek other employment and often take what he can get. According to statistics, 98 per cent of the wage earners spend every cent of their earnings, and appreciating how wasteful and costly this tendency is, some employers are now forming savings clubs of various sorts to make it easy as well as profitable for their men to save money.

If, as an employer, you were in need of a man and had two applicants, one of whom was "down and out" and had nothing saved, and the other could show you a savings bank book with a weekly or monthly deposit, however small, you would without hesitation select the saver, because you know he has the faculty of self-control. The bank account is evidence that he can live within his means. He can deny himself. He can save.

Go into a bank and ask for a loan. Show that you borrowed money before and paid it as you agreed, it may be but a dollar a week, and you get the accommodation. Go into a department store and ask for credit. Show the credit man that you bought a bill of goods, a piano, a victrola, a house on installments, and kept your payments promptly and up to the minute and you are immediately rated a safe credit risk.

You never will appreciate how much this thrift habit will do for you until you try it out. You may be careless, irresponsible, indifferent, wasteful; but if you get the thrift idea and practice it consistently, it will give you a thrift character which is an asset to any man in any station in life.

WEAVER READY FOR ANY CONTEST WHICH BRITT WISHES TO BRING

Has no Fear of Result of Fight on Floor of the House, he Says.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Congressman-elect Zebulon Weaver is ready for any contest that Mr. Britt may start on the floor of the House, according to a statement made here today. Mr. Weaver's remarks were called forth by an announcement from Brownlow Jackson, Republican congressional chairman in the Tenth district, to the effect that Mr. Britt would carry the contest to the floor of the house and that he was certain to win before that tribunal.

"I have no fear of the result of a contest over my seat of representative from this district before the House," Mr. Weaver stated. "To say nothing of illegalities and irregularities in the election, I expect to show Congress that I received a majority of the votes cast and deposited in the ballot boxes of the district. Evidence in my hands, certified and sworn to, shows this to be a fact; I have not relied on hearsay evidence and rumors.

"In regard to the question of unmarked ballots, I expect to show that there were many unmarked ballots for him in what Mr. Britt claimed to be the returns; that in many precincts unmarked ballots were counted for him and that if the election had been decided on unmarked ballots alone, I would still have won.

"Going further, there is evidence of illegal voting and other irregularities and this testimony comes from all parts of the district. If a contest is inaugurated by Mr. Britt, I expect to expose all unfair and illegal methods resorted to in the district, and in so doing, I shall feel that I am performing a duty and a service to which the people of the Tenth district are entitled."

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 23.—The annual soph-junior inter-society debate was held in Gerrard Hall Thursday night, the Philanthropic society was represented by F. G. Miles, of Warrenton, sophomore, and W. H. Stephenson, Raleigh, junior. From the Dialectic society were W. C. Eaton, Winston-Salem, sophomore, and V. A. Wilson, Pfafftown, junior. The question at issue was, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt a policy of compulsory social insurance similar to that of England, France and Germany." The affirmative won.

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CHRISTMAS TONIGHT ALL OVER THE WORLD

Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men Will Prevail.

Wilmington Along With the Rest of the Earth Will Celebrate the Day of Days—Special Services at Many Churches.

"Silent night. Holy night.
All is calm. All is bright."

Once more the world pays tribute to the birth of the Saviour of mankind, and tomorrow His praise will be sung on land and on sea throughout the entire globe, and every civilized land and nation will pay Him tribute.

It is Christmas tonight. Not only here in Wilmington, but everywhere. Everywhere tonight the Christmas carols will psal from the golden throated chimes in the belfries of hundreds and hundreds of churches. Everywhere tonight, where dwells the flower of youth, the good old Saint Nicholas will find the waiting stocking.

The spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men" pervades all things tonight. Old men now facing the sunset of their lives, are touched by its magic spirit stealing o'er theirs, and their hearts are turned toward a new star, that like the one which guided the Wise Men of the East on that memorable night, one thousand, nine hundred and sixteen years ago, will show them the way toward greater ideals and eternal peace.

The subtle spirit hovers, too, over the bloody battlefields, where the lives of brave and gallant men are being spilled like so much chaff. Though their carols will be the roar of the terrible cannon, and the hiss of the hand grenade, the spirit of Christmas will find a way to penetrate to the depth of each and every dugout.

A calm will brood over Wilmington today, for though it is Christmas Eve, it is the Sabbath, and the noise and the merry making that usually stamps this day indelibly on the minds of all, will be lacking. Church bells will peal out the only notices of gladness that will be noticeable until the dawn of tomorrow.

Streets Thronged Last Night

There was a sound of revelry over Wilmington last night. Firecrackers boomed intermittently, and every other kind of a noise making device that could be dragged out was pressed into service. The streets were thronged with those who came along just to join in the crowd.

Practically every window throughout the shopping districts was gaily decorated with holly and other evergreens that added greatly to the holiday aspect. The crowds that passed and repassed before their doors were all in a rollicking mood, and many a merry banter was flung from street to door.

The poor of the city will not be forgotten today. Scores of needy families will be cared for by the various charitable organizations. The Salvation Arm, will in accordance to its time honored custom provide for many. The Associates Charities, the numerous Sunday school classes, and the several fraternal organizations will add to the cheer and comfort of many.

Many special attractions are being booked in theatrical circles as a part of the Christmas programme. "The Birth of a Nation" will be one of the leading features, it will appear at the Academy of Music Christmas Day, and the day following.

Last but not least there are hundreds in the city who will cease their labors for this one day at least. The Federal employes will be allowed a holiday, or at least as much of a one as government workers usually get. Practically all business houses will be closed Monday, and the "night hawks" who labor in the newspaper offices, will for once in their lives see a day pass without several hours steady smashing on a typewriter.

Special Church Service.

Many of the churches of the city will hold special services today and tomorrow, as well as the regular services today, which will in many instances partake of the Christmas services.

St. John Episcopal church will celebrate the Holy Communion at 7:30 this morning at which time the Junior Choir Will sing. The morning prayer and Holy Communion will be observed at 11 o'clock. The Christmas Eve services will also partake of the Christmas services.

The Christmas service at St. Paul's Episcopal church will be held at 10:30 this morning and will be a celebration of the Holy Communion. Services will also be held at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Morning prayer and sermon will be held at St. James' Episcopal church at 11 A. M. Evening prayer and children's Christmas celebration will be held at this church at 4 P. M. At this service the children will bring their stockings filled for distribution in the city with a money offering for the relief of the Armenian and Syrian sufferers in Europe. People's service and Christmas Eve sermon at 7:30 P. M.

The usual services will be held at the First Baptist church at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Tonight the pastor will preach the fourth of a series of sermons on "The Building of the Home."

Preaching services will be held at the Christian church at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. The Christmas tree and entertainment will be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The usual services will be held at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, the first mass being in the morning at 7 and the last mass at 10:30. Vespers will be observed at 8 P. M.

St. Paul's Lutheran

One of the feature of this year's celebration will be the service of the Sunday school at 4 P. M. The school will assemble as usual at 3:30 and at 4 o'clock will march in a body to the church. An interesting programme of songs and recitations will be rendered. A large Christmas tree will delight old and young. The address will be made by Mr. Hijime Inadomi, of Roanoke College, Va., and Kumuoto, Japan. It will be recalled that this young man delivered a fervid address during the recent convention of the United Synod. Those who heard him then will be glad to have the opportunity to hear him again. Gifts in recognition of faithful attendance will be awarded to 53 members of the school who have not been absent from a session of the Sunday school for the entire year. This is a splendid percentage out of an enrollment of 270. Of these 53 to be reward-

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DR. JNO. C. WESSELL NAMED

Prominent Wilmington Physician is Elected to Vacancy on Health Board to Succeed Dr. Cranmer.

Dr. John C. Wessell was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. John B. Cranmer as a member of the Board of Health, at a meeting of the board, which was held yesterday afternoon at the county court house at 3:30 o'clock.

All the members of the board were in attendance at the meeting, as follows: Chairman W. A. McGirt, Mayor P. Q. Moore, Dr. R. B. Slocum and Prof. Washington Catlett.

The foregoing action was taken following the submission of Dr. Cranmer's resignation which was by letter, which was accepted only at the latter's urgent request and with keen regret on the part of his colleagues.

The nomination of Dr. Wessell to membership on the board was made by Professor Catlett and seconded by Mayor Moore.

The new member of the board is a popular physician in this city, who has long been actively interested in many phases of public health work. He is acting surgeon in charge of the United States Marine Hospital here. He has taken a prominent part in having the Red Cross Tuberculosis sanitarium established and has been active in other lines of work.

Dr. Wessell's name was prominently mentioned for the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Bolles several months ago. When it became known that Dr. Cranmer would insist on his resignation being accepted it was generally understood by those in touch with the affairs of the Health Board that Dr. Wessell would be elected as his successor.

Dr. Wessell served for several years as a member of the city board of health, his term of office terminating in 1913 when the city and county boards were consolidated. His election to the county board will meet with general approval on the part of the people.

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 6 INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Score of Boys Make Plans for New Year at Meeting Thursday Night.

At the regular weekly meeting of Troop No. 6, Boy Scouts, held on last Thursday night, the new registration was given out for the year 1917. Scouts deserving first and second class honors had their badges awarded.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows: President, Carl Fales; senior patrol leader, John Dudley; scribe, Verne Newton; treasurer, Joyce Fales; patrol leaders, Leon Rich and Ralph Rasberry; assistant patrol leaders, Ernest Thompson and Norman Brinson; drummer, Victor Gore; bugler, Ernest Thompson. The troop is now made up of two patrols. The new registration includes 20 men.

After regular routine the meeting was open for short talks from all members. Every boy expressed himself as well pleased with the showing made by the troop in the past, but they wanted to make troop No. 6 the best in the city and that they were all going to salute higher officers in scout movement every time they saw one and that they were going to try and remember to keep their scout oaths during 1917 and to do a good turn daily.

Troop No. 6 is uniformed with the exception of three boys and these expect to get their uniforms in the next 60 days. This troop has a drum and a fine bugle. It has a first class drummer and the bugler is getting in shape rapidly and will be ready to blow reveille when scouts go to camp next summer.

There are three first class scouts in the troop and three more ready for their first class test. These boys can cook a meal out in the open. They can make a stretcher in a hurry and if a fellow gets his head broken up they can put a first class bandage on it for him.

Following is a list of the scouts in Troop 6: Carl Fales, Joyce Fales, John Dudley, James Burriss, David Brady, Ralph Raspberry, Kay Gore, Victor Gore, Ernest Thompson, James Meyers, Clarence James, Leon Rich, Norman Brinson, Verne Newton; Charles Newton, Charles H. Jewel, Clyde West, Carl Zellers, George Rowan and James Marshburn.

CHRISTMAS CAME AND WENT.

Mayor Moore Remembered by Friend, But Alas, Bottle Was Broken.

"Christmas has come and it has gone," remarked Mayor Moore sadly as he gazed upon the wreckage of what had once been a bottle reputed to have contained a quart of Manhattan cocktail. Reputed is used advisedly, for not even the semblance of an odor could be discovered to indicate what the bottle had contained. Only the label and nothing more.

A kind friend had thought of Mayor Moore and doubtless remembering that this is a prohibition town, he had placed this bottle in a carton and sent it on its way, but whatever visions of pleasure he may have had in mind will be dispelled when he learns that the consignee has nothing except the broken pieces of glass to remind him of his thoughtfulness.

Various members of City Council had consoling remarks to make as they looked upon the remnants yesterday afternoon. Some of them remembered having tasted that particular brand of drinkables and declared that it is the best.

Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, discoursed wisely upon drinks in general but refused absolutely to commit himself upon the quality of the beverage that the bottle was reputed to have contained. A reporter of The Star, who is supposed to know all things, was called into consultation. He examined the label but could furnish no light on the nature of the drink. He remembered having tasted once of such a drink, but that was in the long ago. He is on a water diet now.

Who his friend could be that he should think of him in these Christmas times, Mayor Moore doesn't know. Who drank the contents or that bottle is likewise a mystery to him.

No Trash Collected Tomorrow.

Supt. J. E. Holton, of the street department, asks that no trash be put out tomorrow. The employes of the street department will be given a holiday in order that they may spend the day with their families. Work will be resumed Tuesday as usual.

COUNCIL GIVES EXTRA PAY TO CITY EMPLOYES

Applies to Members of Police, Fire and Street Departments.

One Per Cent. of Year's Salary Given All Those Receiving $90 or Less A Month—No Action on Increase Asked For.

While City Council is not yet ready to take action on the increase of ten per cent. in salary asked for by employes of the police and other departments, it was decided at a special meeting yesterday afternoon to give each employe receiving $90 or less a month, who has been in the employ of the city for six months or longer "a temporary addition to the December salary" of approximatel one per cent. of their salary for the past year.

The meeting of Council was called for the special purpose of acting on the important matter of providing a Christmas gift for the employes. It was held at the city hall at 4:30 o'clock and was attended by Councilmen Hall, McCaig, Bunting and Bradshaw. Mayor Moore presided and Councilman McCaig explained the object.

In view of the fact that the budget for the year has already been made and the tax rate fixed for the fiscal year, which ends June 1st, Councilman McCaig explained that the finance committee of Council was not ready to make a report on the petitions of the police department asking for an increase in salary of ten per cent., effective January 1st, but would give the matter serious consideration.

However, there can be doubt that the increased cost of provisions and other thing has worked a hardship on men dependent upon salaries, said he, and for this reason as an individual member of Council he wished to ask that an addition be given the employes to their December salary. He suggested that this be made as near one per cent. as possible, being diveded so as to give the policemen $10, the firemen and employes of the water and sewerage department $8 and the members of the street department $6. This increase is to apply only to those who had been in the employ of the city for six months or longer and who receive $90 or less a month.

While this addition was not a large one, nevertheless he felt that it would be a great help to the empioes in providing for Christmas expenses. The cost to the city for even this amount would be about $1,000 but he felt that it was worth while.

The motion was carried unanimously and the heads of the departments immediately made up their pay rolls. Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, made arrangements to get the money from the bank. Mr. Walter Blair, assistant clerk and treasurer, was busy until a late hour in paying out the bonus which will come in mighty handy for Christmas.

Y. M. C. A. SENDS CHRISTMAS DINNER TO COUNTY HOME.

Association Acted as Santa Claus to Aged Folk at Institution.

In accordance with its annual custom, the Young Men's Christian Association will act as Santa Claus for the 40-odd aged people who live at the County Home an sent out the materials yesterday afternoon for a big Christmas dinner to be held at that institution on Monday.

The good things which were sent out by the Association and which were contributed by several churches, individuals and other organization, included roasted turkeys, cakes, fruit and candy in bountiful supply.

CHRISTMAS EVE RECITAL

Special Musical Programme Will be rendered at St. James' Church.

The organ recital at St. James' church tonight will consist of music appropriate to the season, and the hymns sung at the sony service, and throughout the regular service, will be the old familiar Christmas carols, so that the Christmas spirit will pervade. Miss Anna Graham Harris, the soloist contralto of the church, will sing Adam's "Holy Night" at the recital, and the vested choir of the church will use as an offertory anthem, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocked by Night," by J. A. Parks. Mr. Wm. G. Robertson, the church organist, will play two numbers by Ethelbert Nevin, "Christmas Lilabye," and "Intermezzo."

Services begin promptly at 7:30 p. m., with the organ recital, followed immediately by the song service. A cordial welcome will be extended to all.

BEEF DINNER FOR 'VICTS.

County Will Also Provide Apples and Peanuts for Christmas.

The 65 wards of the county at the stockade will be given their Christmas dinner tomorrow at noon. Superintendent F. M. Rivenbark came into town yesterday afternoon and spent long enough time in marketing for the feed for the county's 'victs to purchase several quarters of beeves, a barrel of apples and a bushel or so of peanuts. Sweet potatoes, apple pie and coffee will constitute the main dishes of the menu in addition to the foregoing.

GENERAL MANAGER REMEMBERED

Mr. Thompson Presented With Silver Cigarette Case From Chapel.

As a token of their respect and esteem, the members of the Morning Star Chapel, or composing room staff, presented General Manager J. E. Thompson, of The Star, with a handsomely designed silver cigarette case. In presenting this token the Chapel displayed the spirit of loyalty and cooperation that is evidenced in all departments of the paper, that of loyalty for a greater Morning Star.

In Real Estate Business.

Mr. O. L. Long, who was for two years the popular manager of the Hotel Wilmington, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays. His many friends will be interested in learning that he is now in the real estate business at Bamberg, S. C. He is associated with Mr. T. A. Green, proprietor of the Hotel Wilmington. Mr. Long left Wilmington on November 1st, soon after giving up his position at the Wilmington and has been at Bamberg since that time.

ELECT OFFICERS THURSDAY

To Form Permanent Organization of Farm Loan Association at Meeting in Court House Here.

A permanent organization of the New Hanover Farm Loan Association will be formed at a meeting of the stockholders to be held in the court house in Wilmington on Thursday afternoon, December 28, at 2 o'clock when officers will be elected and appraisers appointed. A temporary organization was effected at a meeting several months ago.

Mr. J. P. Herring, who was elected as temporary president at that time, has sent letters to all those who have subscribed for stock asking them to attend the meeting here Thursday afternoon and inviting others to join in the association. So far applications have been made for loans to the amount of $60,000. It is confidently expected that the amount of loans to be asked for will total not less than $100,000.

As soon as the board of directors and the officers have been elected and a farm loan committee of three members has been appointd, a report on the valuation of lands offered as security by each of the members will be made. This will be as far as the association can go until the Federal land bank of this district is located. This will be located probably either at Charlotte or Raleigh. When the bank is located a charter will be issued to the local association.

Following is a copy of the letter which Mr. Herring sent out yesterday:

"Dear Sir:—A meeting of the stockholders of the Federal Farm Loan Association will be held in Wilmington at the court house on December 28 at 2 P. M. for the purpose of organizing permanently under the articles of the Federal act. A president, a vice president, a secretary-treasurer and three appraisers are to be elected. Applications for loans are to be signed up also.

"This meeting is important and we insist on your being present. If any neighbor is intesrted and wishes to become a member ask him to come with you.

"Yours truly,
"J. P. HERRING,
"President."

HAWAIIAN SINGERS COMING

Much Interest Manifested in Announcement of Appearance Here.

Much interest nas been manifested in the announcement of the appearance at the Academy of Music of the Hawaiian Singers and Players on next Wednesday night, and the advance sale which opens at Elvington's next Tuesday bids fair to be brisk from the beginning.

The country has of a sudden gone mad over Hawaiian music. The languorous twang of the ukelele is heard in all the leading centres of music. The outdoor parks and the verandas of the big summer hotels exude the "goola-goola" music during the summer just closed. Now the theatrical managers have joined the worshippers at the throne, and the musical comedies out of New York are redolent with the seductive island music. All this is interesting, in view of the fact that we are soon to be favored with the appearance of the Waikiki Hawaiian Singers and Players, who are coming to our lyceum course. Again the lyceum managers have demonstrated that they are not asleep at the switch, for this time they led their theatrical brethren a full half season in providing for the patrons of the lyceum and chautauqua the latest thing in popular music. The company which is coming to us is said to be an artistic combination, capable of giving entirely adequate rendition to the Hawaiian music. They will probably attract a capacity audience here, for our music lovers are keen for the new thing, and will be glad of the opportunit of hearing the music has has set the fact of a nation to keeping time.

POSTOFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS.

Postmaster Green Announces Departments That Will be Open.

The registry and general delivery departments of the Wilmington postoffice will be open for one hour tomorrow, that is, from 11 o'clock in the morning until noon.

Postmaster H. McL. Green makes the following announcement concerning the hours and the delivery of parcels:

"Parcel matter only will be delivered all day today, Sunday, by wagons.

"Christmas day the regular deliveries will be made by carriers, which will consume practically the entire day, and in addition to the carriers' delivery there will be four wagons engaged in distributing parcel matter.

"The general delivery window will be open from 11 to 12 A. M. only on Christmas day, and stamps will be on sale during that hour.

"Registry department will be open during the same hour from 11 to 12 A. M."

DEATH OF MRS. SELLERS

Esteemed Young Woman Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Catherine Alice Sellers died at her home, No. 11 Meares street, at 6:45 yesterday afternoon. Funeral services will be conducted from the residence at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, of which Mrs. Sellers was a faithful and consistent member. Interment will be made at Bellevue.

Mrs. Sellers is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sykes, four sisters, Miss Maggie Sykes, Mrs. B. C. Henby, Mrs. W. C. Montgomery and Mrs. W. A. Simon, all of Wilmington, and two brothers, Messrs. E. D. Sykes, of Florida, and W. H. Sykes, of Rocky Point, all of whom will have the tender sympathy of many friends.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Children of Carolina Beach School Have Enjoyable Programme.

A Christmas entertainment was given at the Carolina Beach school by the teacher, Miss Alberta Blanton, for the benefit of the children and parents. A programme of recitations and Christmas carols was given and all the children of the school did nicely. The best feature of the entertainment was, as far as the children were concerned at least, the arrival of Santa Claus, who was artistically dressed in a costume trimmed elaborately in grey moss. He, of course, had the happy duty to perform of giving out the gifts on the beautiful Christmas tree to the children, all of whom enjoyed the entertainment exceedingly.

—Mr. Chas. B. Bergen, of the Charlotte office of Alex. Sprunt & Son, is spending the holidays at the home of his family, No. 315 Red Cross street.

To All---Greetings

With a full appreciat ion of the Yuletide spirit, which makes all humanity kin,

TO OLD FRIENDS——
TO NEW ONES——
TO FRIENDS WE HOPE TO CLAIM——

The Officers of this Institution extend friendly greetings for a merry Christmas, and best wishes for the New Year.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

Christmas Greetings.

It is a commonplace that Christmas comes when you least expect it. The moral would seem to be that if the years are so fleeting, one can ill afford to miss the universal opportunity for sentiment which Christmas affords. We wish first of all to reiterate our appreciation of your patronage, and to express the hope that we deserve it. We wish also to extend to you the seasons greetings, not in the perfunctory spirit of custom, as between a bank and its clients, but in the genuine spirit of cordiality which happily obtains between The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company and its friends. We trust that the passing year has come up to your expectations, and that the coming year may exceed them. And we wish you the happiest Christmas you ever had.

Officers and Directors of

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

ELKS TO DISTRIBUTE GIFTS

Over 100 Packages Will be Delivered to Worthy Cases on Christmas Morning by Local Lodge.

In keeping with their annual custom, the Wilmington Lodge of Elks will deliver over 100 Christmas packages tomorrow morning. The city of Wilmington has tendered the use of its carts to aid the Elks, and they will go out early tomorrow morning laden with yuletide bounties for the needy ones of the city.

Names of worthy cases have been secured from time to time from the various charitable organizations of the city, and these will be visited by the volunteer distributors from the lodge, who will accompany the carts. Exalted Ruler A. J. Mitchell will be in active charge of this enterprise, assisted by Mr. Benjamin Bell, Sr., chairman of the Charity committee. Mr. Bell has served in this capacity for many years and he has no greater pleasure than to act the part of Santa Claus on these Christmas occasions.

Each box will contain 12 pounds of flour, three pounds of lard, two pounds of sugar, two quarts of rice, one pound of coffee, half peck of meal, half peck of hominy, and a quantity of apples and oranges. In addition each will contain a handsomely printed card inscribed as follows:

"1916-1917. Heartily wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Wilmington Lodge of Elks, Number 532."

DR. BISHOP TO SPEAK.

President of Georgetown University at Grace Church Today.

Dr. C. W. Bishop, president of Georgetown University of Texas, will preach at Grace Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. Bishop is en route to Baltimore to attend the conference between the Methodist church, and the Metnodist Episcopal Church, South. He will spend Christmas in Wilmington as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. G. D. Phares.

DEATH OF MRS. HEWETT

Aged Woman Passed Away at Hospital Friday Night.

Mrs. Maria Hewett, aged 82 years, died at the James Walker Memorial hospital early Friday night, following a general breakdown. She is survived by one son, Mr. R. R. Hewett, of Delgado, and one brother, Mr. Henry Hewett, of Shallotte. Funeral services will be held at 9:30 this morning from the residence of her son at Delgado. Interment will be made in the Delgado cemetery.

C. C. CASHWELL APPOINTED DEPUTY RECORDER YESTERDAY

Recorder Harriss Announced Appointment at Court—Cases Tried.

C. C. Cashwell, Esq., a popular young attorney in Wilmington, who served very efficiently during the past campaign as secretary of the Democratic County Executive committee, has been appointed as deputy recorder by Recorder George Harriss. The appointment was announced at yesterday's session of this court. Mr. Cashwell has been practicing law in this city for the last several years. He is well grounded in the fundamentals of his profession and splendidly equipped to preside over the court.

In pronouncing sentence on Prince Tolar, a 73-year-old colored man, charged with violating the prohibition law on two different occasions, Recorder Harriss at yesterday's session let it be known that, according to his interpretation of the statutes of North Carolina, it was a violation to sell wine in any form as well as whiskey, and that hereafter he will deal with wine sellers accordingly.

Tolar was fined $50 and costs on the first charge, after a nolo contendera had been entered, and was recognized to appear in court once a month for 12 months and show that he had not violated the law anew. Fred Howland, white, entered a nolo contendere also, and was fined $50 and costs.

THE Spirit of the Season Prompts Us to Express to You Our Thanks for the Business You Have Entrusted to Us and We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year With Prosperity and All Good Fortunes.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMPANY

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mrs. T. E. Cooper and daughter, Miss Lois, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Cooper's parents at Conway, S. C.

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Mrs. R. A. Kingsbury and daughter, Miss Genevieve, have returned home from Baltimore.

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Mrs. W. O. Lockamy, who attended the funeral of her husband at Fayetteville, has returned home.

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Miss Katharine Hammond arrived home Friday to spend the holidays with her family.

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Miss Sarah Wall, of Hillsboro, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Pemberton for the holidays.

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Miss Hattie Pemberton, who has been attending school at Washington, D. C., has returned home for the holidays.

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Miss Josie Grainger Wright, who is attending St. Mary's College at Raleigh, is spending the holidays with her mother.

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Miss Luola High left last Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives at Whiteville and Chadbourn.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pridgen will leave this morning for Charlotte where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

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Mr. J. B. Montgomery has returned home from Baltimore to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Montgomery.

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Misses Carrie and Ellie White left yesterday afternoon for Baltimore, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Charles Lertz, Hamilton Terrace.

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Among the college boys home for the holidays are Messrs. LeRoy Polvogt and Kenneth Otten, of Roanoke College.

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Dr. W. J. Love and Mrs. Love have returned to the city from New York to spend the Yuletide among relatives and friends.

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Mr. Andrew Harriss, Jr., a student at the Woodberry Forest School in Virginia, has returned home to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. S. F. Montgomery, who is a student at A. & M. College at Raleigh, returned to his home here last night to spend the holidays.

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Mrs. O. H. Shoemaker and Miss Ethel Ashcraft, of this city, who have been visiting friends in Wyalusing, Pa., for some time, have returned home.

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Mr. J. C. Stewart, superintendent of the Pullman Company here, left last night for Washington, D. C., where he will join his family.

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Mrs. C. W. Bidgood is being visited by her son, Mr. Charles Bidgood, who is a student at the University of Virginia.

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Miss Elizabeth Powell, of this city, has gone to Atlanta, Ga., where she will spend the holidays with her uncle, Mr. R. B. Green.

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Messrs. Clarence D. and George T. Sternberger are home from the University of North Carolina to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Black, of Hollins College, Va., will be the guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter, No. 912 Market street.

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Mr. Thomas S. Kenan, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jas. G. Kenan and other relatives in the city.

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Raleigh News and Observer: "Prof. Edward Betts, a former Raleigh boy, was in the city yesterday en route from Elon College to Wilmington."

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Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Spivey of Lumberton, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Newkirk, at No. 120 Red Cross street.

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Miss Edelweiss King and Miss Jeanette Pearce, of Southport, returned Friday evening from Greensboro, where they are attending college. Miss Pearce went to Southport yesterday morning.

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Mrs. Maurice Chiswell and children, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Chiswell's mother, Mrs. William Bellamy. Captain Chiswell will join his family here this morning.

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Mrs. E. Y. Wooten, R. W. Herring, Esq., and Mrs. Herring and child arrived yesterday from Fayetteville by automobile and will spend the Christmas holidays here.

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Mr. Leonard A. Scott arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Scott, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. M. Murphy, No. 6 Wrightsville avenue.

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Miss Pauline Williams, who has been teaching music in the public schools of Fayetteville for some time past, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams.

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Miss Valeria Gregg, who has been studying at Chatham, Va., for some time past, returned yesterday to her home here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. M. Gregg, who has just returned to the city.

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Mr. W. A. McGowan left last night for Baltimore, Md., where he will spend the holidays with Mrs. McGowan and their son, Mr. Harry McGowan, who has been a student during the past term at the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

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Mr. Chas. J. Terry, traveling salesman for the Chattanooga Medicine Co., with headquarters in Chattanooga, Tenn., has arrived to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. G. Terry, on South Front street.

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Miss Eleanor Jordan, who is a member of the faculty of the Castle school at Tarrytown, N. Y., arrived home yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. B. Jordan, No. 313 Market street.

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Mr. W. L. Carter, of Greensboro, spent yesterday in the city with his brother, Mr. J. E. Carter, No. 509 South Fourth street. They left yesterday afternoon for Stedman to join their families who are visiting Rev. and Mrs. Philip Greening, parents of Mrs. J. E. Carter.

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Many Wilmington friends of Mr. Frank Glover, formerly chief clerk in the freight traffic department of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, but for some months assigned to special duties with headquarters at Washington, D. C., will be delighted to know that he has returned to general headquarters of the system in Wilmington and will reside here for the future.

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Mr. S. T. Ashe, formerly editor of The Morning Star and one of the prominent newspaper men of the State, who is now connected with the Edwards & Broughton Printing Company in Raleigh, and Mrs. Ashe are spending the Christmas holidays in the city with their daughter, Mrs. S. A. Stockard, No. 303 North Fifth avenue.

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The following announcements were received by friends in the city yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas
announce the marriage of
their daughter
Valira
to
Mr. Ernest Hines Whitaker
on Saturday, the twenty-third of
December
One thousand nine huncred and sixteen
Wilmington, N. C.

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Willard, N. C., Dec. 23.—Miss Pearl Parker, of Clinton, in charge of the school at Newton's Cross Roads, Sampson county, added to her great popularity in the community before going home to spend the holidays, by giving her pupils a Christmas tree, from which ever child was given a present by Santa Claus, impersonated in fine style by Mr. Archie Croom. Following the distribution of presents refreshments were served. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

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Council, N. C., Dec. 23.—Miss Clara Fredere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fredere, of Council, who for the past three years has been in the training school for nurses at St. Peter's hospital, Charlotte, has finished the course and returned home. Miss Fredere graduated last May, being awarded a gold medal for winning the highest honors in her class. Her many friends welcome her at her home again. Miss Fredere will locate at Council and will resume her work soon after the holidays.

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Mt Olive Tribune: "Her many friends will congratulate Mrs. M. T. Breazeale upon a new, richly deserved honor that has just come to her, namely, her appointment as State chairman of the Children of the American Revolution, one of the most important branches of Daughters of the American Revolution. The appointment was made this week, and comes through Miss Rodman, State Regent, and comes in just recognition of Mrs. Breazele's active interest in D. A. R. work, principally in connection with the Anthony Wayne Society of Children of the American Revolution."

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Onslow Progress, Jacksonville: "Prof. and Mrs. I. M. Bailey spent Saturday in Wilmington shopping.———Mr. R. A. Lockamy returned Monday from Wilmington where he spent several days at the bedside of his wife, who underwent an operation last week at James Walker Memorial hospital, and reports that she is doing nicely and soon she will be able to return home.———Mr. and Mrs. John Cox, of Gum Branch, spent several days the past week in Wilmington, returning home Saturday."

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Chadbourn Herald: "We are in receipt of the following announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pifer
announce the marriage
of their daughter
Myrtle Irine
to
Mr. James Byrd
January seventeenth
nineteen hundred and seventeen
at their home,
Chadbourn, North Carolina."

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Burgaw Chronicle: "Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Weston, accompanied by Mrs. W. I. Taylor and daughter, Mildred, motored through to Wilmington Saturday.———Mrs. H. B. Thomas and Misses Margaret McNeil, Luck Plunkett, Lucile Magette, Janie Williams and Annie Fay Keith spent last Saturday in Wilmington.———Misses Sallie Johnson, Mary and Annie Barden were visitors in Wilmington Saturday.———Mr. W. D. Huhn and little daughter, Welvia, were visitors in Wilmington Saturday.———Mrs. C. C. Branch spent Tuesday in Wilmington."

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Asheton cor. Burgaw Chronicle: "So the Housewives' League of Wilmington has boycotted eggs, butter and cheese. Suppose the hen and her friends should retaliate and boycott Wilmington? The housewives, no doubt, will realize that they had killed the hen that lays the golden eggs.——Fannie Lee Armstrong and Donald Ray Parker visited relatives in Wilmington last week.———Misses Nina Joe Clendenin and Lila Herring spent Saturday in Wilmington.———Mrs. E. A. Armstrong went to Wilmington on Sunday and Tuesday of this week, to see her mother, Mrs. Bowden, who is very low."

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MISS VIRGINIA R. BONEY BRIDE OF MR. ISAAC NEWTON HENDERSON

Wallace, N. C., Dec. 23.—A quiet but beautiful marriage was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Boney, at Wallace, on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when Miss Virginia R. Boney was united in matrimony to Mr. Isaac Newton Henderson, Jr. The words which made them one were spoken by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, who was assisted in the ceremony by Rev. C. V. Brooks, the ring ceremony being used.

The bride is a member of one of the best known families in this part of the State and has many friends in her home town and elsewhere in North Carolina. The groom has been bookkeeper for the Hilton Lumber Company at their camps near Wallace for the last two years, and because of his close attention to business and his uprightness is deservedly popular in this community.

Immediately after the marriage the happy couple amid a shower of congratulations and good wishes boarded the Northbound train for Herbert, N. C.,

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REWARD FAITHFUL WORKERS

Clyde Line Steamship Company and Woolworth Stores Announce Christmas Bonus to Employes.

Corporations doing business in Wilmington have been unusually generous with their employes during the present yuletide season, and many a faithful soldier in the ranks of the city's Industrial Army has been given handsome Christmas bonuses.

Close on the heels of the Southern Bell Telephone Company's announcement that all their employes were to receive 6 per cent of their year's salary as a Christfas gift, comes the tidings from the headquarters of the Clyde Steamship Company in the form of a communication to Mr. C. J. Becker, the local agent, that all the Clyde Line employes who have been in the service for a year or more will receive 10 per cent of their annual salary.

The management of the Woolworth Five and Ten Cent Stores will present all their Wilmington employes who have been with them for a year, and who have performed their duties loyally and faithfully, a five dollar gold piece, and a letter of commendation from headquarters of the Woolworth Company.

This is no new departure in the case of the Woolworth Company, as it has long been their custom to reward their faithful employes. Five dollars is given each year for each year's service, thus making it a worthwhile remembrance to the older employes of the company.

500 CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Adjutant James Yates, of Salvation Army, Acts as Santa Claus for More Than 100 Families.

Through the generosity of the people of Wilmington, more than 100 Christmas baskets were yesterday distributed to the poorest families of the city by the local Salvation Army corps under the supervision of Adjutant James Yates, who last night declared that he was truly grateful that his appeal had met with such liberal response that the organization was enabled carry out its programme as originally outlined.

A special Christmas service will be held at the Army hall at Front and Dock streets tonights at 8 o'clock. An attractive programme has been arranged which will include songs, solos and recitations. The public will be welcome.

The Christmas tree for the poor children of the city, who would otherwise not know the joys of such an event, will come on Tuesday night at the Army hall at 7:30 o'clock. Santa Claus will be on deck with a goodly supply of toys, candy and fruit.

Each of the substantial Christmas dinners sent out in the baskets contained food enough for a family of five—a chicken, potatoes, a pound each of coffee, rice and sugar, cans of soup and tomatoes, grits, a mince pie, a loaf of bread, a quantity of apples and the Christmas number of the War Cry. The baskets cost about $2 each.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—L. R. Hummell, Esq., left yesterday afternoon for Goldsboro to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. Wm. M. Leftwich left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., where he will spend the holidays.

—Mr. James S. Hedrick, of Jacksonville, Fla., is spending the holidays at home here with his people.

—Mr. A. L. Hardee left yesterday afternoon for Greenville, S. C., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

—Mr. N. W. Russ is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Clarkton.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were Dr. A. G. Holmes, W. D. O'Quinn, Southport; R. C. Boyd, D. C. Boyd, Hamlet; H. J. Singletary, Lumberton.

—Among the arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were F. J. Edwards, Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. C. Brice, Fairmont; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bose, Clarkton; J. W. Coleman, Elizabethtown.

—George L. Peschau, Esq., left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., where he will look after some professional business. Before returning to the city he will visit Mrs. Peschau, who is spending the holidays with her father at Marietta, Ga.

—Friends of Mr. Wm. L. Alley, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, will be glad to learn that he is greatly improved and is able to be out again.

—Rev. E. H. Blocker, a colored evangelist, who describes himself as a "prince of peace," announces that he will conduct services Christmas day in the church on Ninth, between Walnut and Red Cross streets, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

MAYORALTY RACE LOOMS UP

Names of Former Mayor Wm. E. Springer and Mr. W. A. McGirt Being Mentioned as Possibilities.

One of the results of the mass meeting the court house Friday night, when the present form of city government was discussed freely, was the bringing to the front of the mayoralty race in the next municipal election. The possibility of other candidates entering besides Mayor F. Q. Moore, who has already announced his candidacy, and Councilman B. A. Merritt, who is avowedly in the race, was the chief topic of conversation around the city hall.

The possibility of former Mayor Wm. E. Springer entering the race was freely discussed and many of his friends declared that it was not improbable that he would allow his name to be presented to the people. However, Mr. Springer has given no intimation that he expects to be a candidate. He criticised rather severely at the mass meeting Friday the manner in which municipal affairs are conducted, declaring that the time has come to call a halt. He did not indicate that he expected to take any active part in bringing about a change.

The name of Mr. W. A. McGirt has been mentioned frequently as a possibility but he has made no statements about the matter. His friends feel that he would make a good man for the place and many of them predict that he will get in the race. In the meantime, Mr. McGirt as chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, is busy looking after the affairs of the position he has and has evinced little disposition to take over other burdens that might prove to be more onerous and perhaps not so inviting.

As matters now stand inm unicipal politics, it seems to be a proposition of seeing what we shall see.

VOLUNTARY PETITION FILED.

Mr. George R. Kornegay, of Calypso, Files Papers in Federal Court.

A petition in an action for voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the office of Mr. S. P. Collier, deputy United States clerk of the Federal Court, by Mr. George R. Kornegay, who conducts a store at Calypso. The petition was referred to George H. Howell, referee in bankruptcy, for investigation.

The claims against the store, according to the petition, will amount to about $2,000, most of the claims being for small amounts. The petitioner is represented by Albert S. Grady, Esq., of Mt. Olive.

—Mr. S. J. King, son of Rev. J. P. King, will preach at the Sixth Street Advent Christian church at 11 o'clock this morning. His subject will be "The Unpardonable Sin." Music for the services will be rendered by an orchestra and choir. The public is cordially invited to hear the sermon on this vital subject. There will also be services at 7:30 this evening.

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SELLERS—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sikes, No. 111 Meares street, this city, MRS. R. L. SELLERS, at 6:45 P. M., December 23, 1916.

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the home of the groom's father, where the will spend the holidays.

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DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION ORGANIZE AT MOUNT OLIVE

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 23. — On Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Southerland, a chapter of "Daughters of the American Revolution" was organized, the hostess having been appointed regent. Mrs. R. J. Southerlan- acted chaplain, and the following officers were elected: Secretary, Mrs. Fred R. Mintz; treasurer, Mrs. R. D. Loftin; registrar, Mrs. D. K. Kornegay; historian, Mrs. S. A. Wooten.

The following were elected members of the credentials committee: Mesdames R. J. Southerland, W. P. Kornegay and W. C. Steele.

Several other appropriate names were suggested for the new chapter, but the name, "Carolina Patriots," suggested by the regent, met with the approval of the chapter and was unanimously adopted.

At the conclusion of business, little Misses Anna Southerland and Kate Steele served an ice course, followed by sweets.

After enjoying the gracious hospitality of the regent the ladies departed, having been presented with badges of navy blue and gold, national D. A. R. colors, bearing the inscription, "Charter Member, D. A. R. Chapter, Mount Olive, N. C."

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ASHEVILLE ANTICIPATING A VERY GAY HOLIDAY WEEK

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 23.—Asheville is anticipating one of the gayest holiday weeks in the history of the city. Dozens of young people are home from school for the holidays, and they add greatly to the merriment and pleasure at the various dances planned for the coming week. Grove Park Inn, Battery Park hotel, the Manor and the Langren will all give special Christmas dances. The Country club will give a keyno party, proveeded by a big dinner, Wednesday night, and the regular New Year's ball on New Year's da, as well as several impromptu tournaments and tea dances during the coming week. In addition to these, a number of private parties are on the calendar and numerous house parties are adding their quota to the gayety of the week.

Mrs. Charles S. Jordan entertained at luncheon today for her attractive young guest, Miss Dorothy Angel, of Brooklyn.

Mrs. George Vanderbilt, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Rees, has arrived from Washington and has opened Biltmore house for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Vanderbilt and Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt will take charge of the usual Christmas entertainments for the employes of the Biltmore estate.

Mrs. Clarence Hobert entertained with an informal farewell party at the Manor this week, preparatory to leaving for Florida, where she will spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Hobart spend their summers and autumns here, and are noted for their hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Memminger, who have been in New York for the past two months, have arrived at Asheville and, with Miss Memminger, have opened their Asheville home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Memminger and Miss Memminger will go to Florida shortly for the winter.

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MISS VALIRA THOMAS BRIDE OF MR. E. H. WHITAKER.

A wedding of interest to a wide circle of friends was celebrated yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 411 North Second street, when Miss Valira Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas, became the bride of Mr. E. H. Whitaker. The impressive ring ceremony was used and the officiating minister was Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church.

The home had been very beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion with Southern smilax and fall flowers, the color scheme being pink and green. The vows were said in the presence of a large gathering of friends before an improvised altar which had been attractively banked with evergreens.

As the bride and groom entered the parlor, Mrs. Crockett at the piano skillfully rendered the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin and while the ceremony was being performed Mrs. C. L. Carter played softly on the violin MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose." There were no attendants.

The bride was dressed in a lovely traveling suit of midnight blue broadcloth with hat and gloves to match, and wore a bouquet of bride's roses. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker left on the 3:45 train for a bridal tour to Southern points, including Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Palm Beach. They will be away about ten days and upon their return will be at home to friends in this city.

The bride is a young woman of charming personality. She is an accomplished musician and by her sweet manner has made many friends. The groom is a popular young man who is employed in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line. Many pretty wedding presents attested the popularity of the young couple.

Miss Clara Petty, a first cousin of the bride, was the only out-of-town guest.

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SPORIT OF CHRISTMAS NEVER SO SHOWN AT OXFORD COLLEGE

Oxford, N. C., Dec. 22.—Never in the history of the college has the spirit of Christmas been so "abroad in the land." For the past two weeks the atmosphere has been teeming with glad good cheer and surprises. The dining room has been the place of many happy scenes when at different times each teacher entertained her table with some Christmas surprise—each one in a different way, but the climax was reached last evening when Miss Carrie Hobgood, daughter of the president, surprised both faculty and students with a real Christmas supper. The scene was one of rare beauty, all decorations suggestive of the season. On each table was a centerpiece of green, some in the form of a Christmas tree showered with snow, while on others were potted plants banked around with holly and evergreens, and throughout the room the lights were made dim by red shades, with a number of candles on each table, shedding a soft red glow on the bright, happy faces gathered around.

The occasion was one long to be remembered both for its beauty and for the real joy and cheer that filled each heart and radiated from every face as the true spirit of Christmas pervaded the room in the form of toasts and "spicy" remarks.

The hearty toast to Miss Hobgood as the girls were leaving the room, testified to their appreciation of what had been done for their pleasure.

On last Sunday evening at the meeting of the Y. W. C. A., a most impressive Christmas service was conducted by Miss Bogga, one of the teachers. She told in a wonderfully sweet and impressive manner the "Story of the Other Wise Man." Both the music and readings were in keeping with the subject and at the conclusion of the program a collection was taken for the war sufferers in Europe. Each one present went away realizing more fully than ever the meaning of "Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men."

With a very few exceptions all the girls will return after the holidays and an unusually large number of new students are expected at the opening of the spring term on January 3rd.

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WARSAW NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST IN SOCIAL REALM

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Little Confederates chapter, Children of the Confederacy, was entertained by Miss Annie Lee Adkins at her home on last Friday afternoon. The regular monthly historical program, supplemented by a reading by Miss Julia Ricks and one be the leader, Mrs. Charles Carroll, was rendered, after which the young hostess, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Anderson, served hot chocolate and wafers, followed by fruit.

The young men of the town gave a very enjoyable oyster roast at a local cafe last Friday evening, complimentary to the teachers of the city school, and other friends.

The literary department of the Woman's Club was entertained by Mesdames Will Owen and Robert Browder at their home on last Wednesday afternoon. The program for the afternoon included a study of Boston and Women's Colleges and their Student Life. The latter subject was handled very interestingly by Mrs. J. C. Russ. Mrs. C. A. Womack gave a reading, "The New Method—Learning by Doing", after which Mrs. W. L. Hill spoke of Christmas Customs of Germans and Mrs. Charles Carroll told of the Origin of St. Nicholas. Roll call was answered with responses from American poets. A new member, Mrs. W. O. Singletary, was added to the club's lists. At the close of the meeting, the hostesses served an enjoyable salad course.

The third attraction of the Piedmont lyceum course appeared here Tuesday night in the school auditorium. It was a concert given by the Westminster Concert Entertainers, consisting of Miss Dorothy Cole, reader and pianist; Miss Iras Wilson, soprano, and Mr. Larry Ball, singer and story-teller. They gave a varied and enjoyable program, in which each performer displayed rare talent in the respective numbers. Miss Cole, as an impersonator, was equally good in her pathetic or humorous selections. Miss Wilson possesses a voice of high range and sweet expression, and delighted her audience with her singing, being especially pleasing in the number from "Madame Butterfly," sung in Japanese costume. Mr. Ball was at his best in Scotch songs and stories.

Mrs. John A. Ricks returned last week from a short visit to Wilmington While there, she was the recipient of several social courtesies.

Mesdames L. P. and D. E. Best and Mrs. J. H. Pierce spent last Thursday in Raleigh.

Miss Margaret Best attended the Chapel Hill dance last week.

Lieutenant and Mrs. C. D. Pierce and little son, of Fort Slocomb, New York, are here to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. T. B. Pierce.

Mrs. Joseph Jordan spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. A. M. Faison has returned from a business trip to South Carolina.

Mr. Dudley Hill, who has been a student at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., is here for the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Cecil and G. S. Best have arrived from Wake Forest to spend the holidays with their parents.

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SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM WINTER PARK SECTION.

Winter Park, N. C., Dec. 23.—Mrs. A. B. Sandlin was called to Charlotte some ten days ago on account of the serious illness of her mother. The latest information was that her mother was improving.

Mrs. Rice, who was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital some time ago to be operated on for appendicitis, was able to be brought back to her home last Saturday. Mrs. Rice has many friends who are delighted to know that she has successfully passed the crisis.

Mr. A. A. Nelms has moved from the Bender cottage in Winter Park to his new home that he has had built at Audubon.

Mrs. Dwight McEwen, who was indisposed with a slight attack of grip, has sufficiently recovered to be able to be out again.

Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Boney, who have been located in Virginia for several months, are here for the holidays and may decide to make Winter Park their home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Robinson and sons, Masters Fulton and Charles, left Saturday for Foreston, S. C., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Robinson's relatives. Mr. Robinson will return on Tuesday after Christmas, but Mrs. Robinson and sons will stay some time.

Miss Georgia Koonce left Saturday for Bowden where she will spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. G. H. Coyle left Friday for Jacksonville, Fla., and will go from there to Philadelphia, Pa., where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall and little son, of Raleigh, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with Mr. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hall.

Your correspondent learns that it is quite probable that Rev. Mr. Moore, of Marion, N. C., who supplied that pulpit of the Baptist church here one at Seagate last Sunday, will be extended a call to the pastorate of the Baptist churches here, at Seagate and at Masonboro.

Mrs. J. Marvin Cowell returned last week from Bolton, N. C., where she spent a few days visiting her aunt, Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holden and son Arnold have gone to New Bern to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Staniand.

Mr. G. B. Webster will leave Monday afternoon on a business trip to Sanford, Fla., where he will spend a week. Mrs. Webster and daughter, Thelma, will also leave for Beaufort, N. C., where they will spend a week with Mrs. A. J. Furcher, her mother.

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QUIET WEEK IN SOCIAL CIRCLES OF SOUTHPORT

Southport, N. C., Dec. 23.—The past week has been quiet in social circles. Preparations for Christmas have enaged every one, to the exclusion of all else. There has been the return home for the holidays of some who have relatives here, while others have gone away to visit relatives.

Among the young men who leave to spend Christmas with relatives, are: Messrs. Arch. Thompson, going to Chadbourn; T. Fault, to Fairmont, and Dr. Arthur Holmes to Council.

Miss Louise Stanland has gone to Florence, S. C., to spend Christmas with friends.

The following college students have returned to spend the holidays at their homes in this city: Misses Lois Dosher and Mary Virginia Bassells, Blackstone, Va., Ruth Williams, Littleton, and Messrs. Jack Robbins, College Park, Atlanta; Edward Weeks, A. & M., Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Loughlin and Miss Gertrude, formerly of this city but now of Raleigh, are spending Christmas here with relatives.

Mrs. J. A. Loughlin, of Wilmington, is here for Christmas, with relatives.

The many friends of Capt. F. P. Crockett, who went to the Canal Zone some months ago on the U. S. steamer General Getty, will be glad to know that Captain Crockett will return, to Southport, after the holidays. He was on the U. S. transport Sumner, that went ashore a few days ago on the Atlantic coast, returning from Panama, but experienced no injury. He is with his daughter, Miss Esther Crockett, who is well remembered here, enjoying the holidays in Brooklyn.

Dr. Robert D. V. Jones, Master Robert and Miss Elsie Jones, of New Bern, are here for Christmas, visiting the doctor's sister, Mrs. C. L. Stevens.

Mr. Morton Bellamy, of Elizabeth City, was a visitor here this week.

The many friends of Dr. H. L. Keith, now of Hendersonville, were glad to see him here for a short visit this week.

Mr. Jas. W. Thompson leaves for Edgefield, S. C., to spend the holidays with his family, who are visiting relatives at that place.

Postmaster and Mrs. Newton were visitors in Wilmington during the week.

Mr. John Moore has gone to Beaufort to spend Christmas with his mother.

The family of Mr. G. H. Willis have gone to visit relatives at Morehead City, to be absent a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dent, of Maryland, are visiting the home of Doctor and Mrs. J. A. Dosher.

The Misses Leggett, of Hobgood, N. C., are here visiting their brother, Dr. P. O. Leggett.

Mrs. L. L. Galloway, of Walton, Ind., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis.

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KINSTON NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST IN SOCIAL REALM.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—Queen Street Methodist Sunday school will hold "White Christmas" exercises Sunday afternoon. The Philathesa have decorated the auditorium for the occasion. A gleaming star is suspended over a white cross, at the foot of which gifts for the poor will be placed. A special musical programme will be rendered.

Mrs. J. F. Parrott entertained A. M. Waddell chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, at her home in North Kinston, Tuesday morning. She is the president of the chapter.

Little Miss Elizabeth Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Dixon, of Lenoir avenue, celebrated her fourth natal anniversary Thursday with a turkey dinner. The dinner, contingent courtesies, games and the like lasted from noon until 3 o'clock. Four candles were paramount in the dining room decorations. The sitting room was cozy. The hostess and guests, who numbered about a dozen or 15, chatted in the midst of an artificial fairyland of ferns and varied the conversation occasionally with music from a victrola.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church held Christmas exercises Wednesday evening. In spite of damp weather there was a large gathering. A Christmas tree and gifts were had, but the occasion was more in the spirit of giving than receiving. Probably $100 worth of goods for the poor was deposited by the classes in a manger at the rostrum. There were no speeches other than in a simple programme of songs and recitations in which the young people acquitted themselves nicely. The members of the businessmen's class gave liberally to the collection for the needy.

The Bible school of Gordon Street Christian church held a Christmas entertainment last night. A dandy Santa Claus and a superb Christmas tree were on hand. Substantial donations were made for the community's needy. The music was excellent. Pastor B. P. Smith was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Nan Goodson Howard illustrated the opera "Faust" at a meeting of the Reviewers in the home of Mrs. E. Y. Speed a few days ago. Mrs. Howard is a graceful speaker and has a charming personality. She gave sketches of the poet Goethe and the composer Gounod and told about the magic which was a recognized science in the 15th century. She demonstrated the music of the opera with a number of selections on a phonograph.

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SOCIAL AND OTHER NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM CLARKTON

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 23.—Miss Ruby Clark is at home from Florida.

Miss Cole, who has been teaching at Berwick, passed through town Friday en route to her home in Florida.

A very interesting programme of songs, recitations, declamations and a pantomime, was given at the Shady Grove school on R. F. D. No. 1, Friday afternoon. At the close of the exercises Rev. W. H. Goodman made a splendid talk bearing on the Christmas spirit.

Among those who have been away teaching, the following have returned home: Misses Laura Meares, China Grove; Kate Smith, Tarboro; Ethel Smith, Bladenboro; Mary Russ, Riverside.

Mr. A. D. Helms, of Matthews, is spending the holidays with his brother.

The marriage of Miss Mary Shipman Wooten, daughter of Mr. J. H. Wooten, and Mr. L. F. Beard, of Huntersville, was solemnized at the home of the bride's father on R. F. D. No. 2, Thursday afternoon Rev. W. H. Goodman officiating. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. The house was decorated with ferns and evergreens, an dlighted by shaded candles making a beautiful setting for the bridal party. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret MacRacken, of Whiteville, as maid of honor, while the groom had as his best man Mr. Caison, of Huntersville. The wedding march was played by Miss Lillie Belle Phifer. Others in the wedding party were Mr. MacIlwaine Wooten and Miss Nellie Wooten. The bride was dressed in white taffeta, while the bridesmaids wore pink. They will make their home at Huntersville.

Mrs. W. H. Goodman left Thursday for Concord to visit her mother. Mr. Goodman will join her Monday. After spending a few days in Concord, they will go to Salisbury to visit Mr. Goodman's father.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. L. Winecoff and little daughter, Mary Draughon, are spending the holidays with relatives in Florence, S. C.

The following young people are at home for the holidays from their various colleges. Miss Alice Clarke, Flora McDonald, Red Springs; Cora Clarg, Queen's College, Charlotte; Rosa Lee Clark, Training School, Richmond; Isabella and Augusta Currie, Montreat; Messrs. Joe Baldion, Mars Hill; Perry Page, A. & M.; A. W. Nance, Atlanta Dental College.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society had an interesting meeting Sunday afternoon with John D. Currie as leader. The Juniors had been planning to have a Christmas tree, but after hearing the call for ministerial relief, they voted unanimously to donate the amount they would have spent for a Christmas tree to this fund. William Phifer will lead the meeitng Sunday afternoon, at which time a special Christmas programme will be rendered.

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ROCKINGHAM NEWS OF THE WEEK OF SOCIAL INTEREST

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 23.—Social events during the past week have been limited. The near approach of the holidays and the consequent amount of shopping is occupying so much attention that things social are almost neglected. The usual meetings of the various church organizations were held during the week, all of which proved interesting and were largely attended.

Mrs. M. Purvis and little daughter, Lelia Purvis, of Jacksonville, Fla., arrived on Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Purvis' mother, Mrs. J. D. Cameron.

Miss Johnsie Cameron left Monday night for New York City where she will be with friends, who are studying at Columbia University. Miss Cameron went north principally for the opera season and will be away for six weeks.

The King's Daughters held their monthly meeting with Mrs. W. N. Everette on Monday. A resume of the year's work was made by the secretary, Mrs. M. H. Russel. As is their custom, the King's Daughters will send gifts on Christmas morning to all the inmates at the county home.

Mrs. John Everette returned Tuesday from Memphis, where she has been visiting relatives and friends for the past two months.

Messrs. Linwood Fowlkes and Tyler Bennet, who are attending school at Bailey Military Institute, near Greenwood, S. C., have returned home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scales left for Richmond on Saturday night to be with their son, John Morehead Scales, who is ill with pneumonia. Late telegrams state his condition improved.

Miss Mary Cliff Bennet arrived home Tuesday from the Normal School at Harrisonburg, W. Va., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bennet. Miss Bennet has as her guest Miss Hattie Deberry, of Lilesville.

Miss Elizabeth Chase, of Columbia, S. C., is expected to arrive on Sunday to visit Miss Victoria Paschal. Miss Paschal will entertain for Miss Chase during her visit.

Mrs. Edwin Scott charmingly entertained a few of her friends on Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Marion Lucas, of Florence, S. C. Bridge was played and at the close of the game Mrs. Lucas was presented with an ivory card case. Sandwiches and chocolate were served.

Mr. John L. Armestead left on Monday night for Atlanta to spend the holidays with her parents. She will be joined by Mr. Armestead before Christmas.

Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., is in Wadesboro spending a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John LeGrand, of Bennettsville, motored to Rockingham on Sunday and were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thomas.

The teachers and pupils of the public school will give a Christmas entertainment in the school auditorium on Wednesday night.

Mr. Edwin Armestead, who is superintendent of the public schools in Newnan, Ga., arrived in the city to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. George Steele.

The Married Ladies Bridge club had a delightful meeting Saturday afternoon with Mrs. W. L. Parsons as hostess. In addition to the club members Mrs. Parsons had as her guests, Mrs. G. G. Shannonhouse, of Charlotte, Mrs. Hugh May, of Charlottesville, Va.; Mrs. J. P. Leak, Mrs. W. C. Leak and Mrs. J. C. Dockery. Tables were arranged for bridge in the parlor and living room. Attractive hand painted tallys were distributed and when the guests found their place the bell was tapped and the game played with much enthusiasm. The hostess, assisted by Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons, served a salad course and coffee.

Mrs. Henry Fairley and son, Henry Fairley, Jr., left on Sunday night for Philadelphia.

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WEDDING AND OTHER SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN GREENSBORO

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Reviewers' Club met with Mrs. R. L. Justice at her home in Park place on Thursday afternoon. The programme was appropriate to the Christmas season, and included a song by Mrs. C. W. Banner, a Christmas story by Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, a song by Miss Fitch, of the State Normal College, a Christmas recitation by Miss Jennie Clark, of the Greensboro College for Women, and a talk by Mrs. Lanier Donnell, of Oak Ridge, telling of a Christmas spent in Rome. At the close of the programme the hostess served a delicious luncheon.

The Thursday Bridge Club met this week with Mrs. C. H. Andrews at her home at Pomona. Miss Ruth Vanstory made the highest score, and was awarded the club prize, a picture frame. The visitor's prize, a handkerchief, was won by Mrs. Paul Lindley. No further meeting of this club will be held until the first week in January.

Mrs. Clarence N. Cone entertained at four tables of bridge on Thursday night complimentary to the house guest of Mrs. Bernard Cone, Miss Helen Bachman, of Philadelphia. At the conclusion of the games the hostess served refreshments.

Three social events are scheduled for the Country Club during the Christmas season. A pretty little folder with the printed programme has been made, which includes a german for Wednesday evening, December 20th, an afternoon tea and informal dance December 30th, and the celebration of Twelfth Night January 5th. Mr. Ralph B. Coit is chairman of the entertainment committee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willie Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an at home from 3 to 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The home on West Gaston street was made beautiful with greenery of all kinds, and the soft glow of many yellow-shaded candles. Although the weather was inclement, many friends called to offer congratulations and good wishes.

Miss Effie Anderson and Mr. L. Cutler Watkins were married Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock at St. Andrew's Episcopal church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. O. Pruden, of Chatham, Va., assisted by Rev. J. D. Miller, rector of St. Andrew's church. The altar was artistically decorated with palms, smilax and candles. Before the ceremony, Mrs. O. C. Klingman played "Orange Blossoms," by G. McMaster. Miss Kate Anderson, sister of the bride, sang "I Love You," by Sobeski. The vested choir marched to the altar stalls singing the bridal chorus from Lohengrin, and while the chorus was still being sung, the bridal party entered. The groomsmen were James Hughes, Charlotte; Walter Anderson, Burlington; William Blades, New Bern; Roger McDuffie; Allan Ives, New Bern; Andrew Joyner, Jr., and P. M. Dillon. The bridesmaids were Miss Celeste Anderson, of Richmond; Miss Louise Moren, Miss Lucy Landis, of Oxford; Miss Merle Weaver, Miss Kitty Mae Irvin, of Reidsville, and Miss Lelia Wilkinson. The bridesmaids' gowns were of silk net over tissue with veils to match, the rainbow colors being used, and they carried white rosebuds and asparagus ferns. The dame of honor, Mrs. Thos. W. Rankin, of Reidsville, a sister of the bride, was gowned in yellow, and carried yellow rosebuds. Miss Maude Anderson, another sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and wore lavender and carried a shower bouquet of lavendar sweet peas. Two flower girls, Fannie Anderson and Grey Fetter, nieces of the bride, wore dainty white dresses and carried baskets of white rosebuds, strewing petals for the bride, who was gowned in duchess satin trimmed with pearls, and her veil was caught with orange blossoms. She entered on the arm of her brother, Clarence Anderson, by whom she was given away. The ring service was used. As she entered she was met by the groom at the altar, with his best man, Winder Hughes. During the ceremony Mrs. Klingman played softly "Benedictus," by Loret, and the bridal party marched out of the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins left on the 7:30 train for their home in Charlotte, where Mr. Watkin's is engaged in the cotton business.

CHRISTMAS TONIGHT ALL OVER THE WORLD

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ed, eight are on the roll of honor for the first time.

first time; six the second time; seven the third time; 15 the fourth time.

The evening service will be omitted for, according to ancient custom, service and distribution of gifts are held in the home on Christmas Eve. Special service on Christmas day at 11 A. M. at which the pastor, Rev. F. B. Clausen, will preach on the topic: "To Bethlehem Hasten With Joyful Accord." Special music will be rendered at all services.

At St. Matthew's

The services at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church will this evening be conducted by the Luther League. The following programme will be rendered:

Hymn—112 (ntioch).
Psalm 89.
Prayer.
Scripture lesson.
Hymn 117—(Adeste Fideles).
Presentation of topic by leader, (Mr. Otersen), "What Do We Celebrate On Christmas?"
Bible references.
Duet—"Star of the East." Misses Emma Otersen and Minnie Huggins.
Reading, "The Nativity," Mrs. Kamer.
"What Does Christmas Mean to the World?" Mr. W. W. Koch.
Bible references.
Hymn 116—(St. Louis 411).
Reading, "A Christmas Thought," Miss Minnie Huggins.
"How Should We Observe Christmas?" Mr. Hopkins.
Closing remarks by leader.
Offering.
Announcements by pastor.
Hymn 118—(Regent Square).
Lord's Prayer and benediction.

Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral as follows: First mass at 6 A. M., followed by additional masses at 7:30, 8:00, 8:30 and 10:30 A. M.

This evening at 7 o'clock in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a candle light service will be held by the Westminster Christian Endeavor Society. An unusual programme has been arranged by a special committee. A Christian Endeavor representative from each society in the city is urged to attend. All Endeavorers and their friends are invited.

CHRISTMAS Y. M. C. A. SERVICE

Special Service Will be Held by Boys' League This Afternoon.

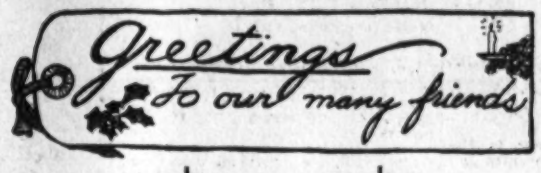
A Christmas service of special interest will be given by the Boys' League at 5 p. m. today in the boys' lobby of the Y. M. C. A.

The first part of the service will consist of a splendid programme of Christmas music, led by the High School orchestra. The following programme will be carried out:

Song—"Joy to the World," by the audience.
Piano solo—Miss Jessie Mercer.
Vocal solo—Miss Alberta Matson.
Selection by the High School orchestra.
Song—"Holy Night," by the audience.

Dr. W. H. Milton, the speaker, will bring the boys a special Christmas mesage. This promises to be the best service of the Boys' League for the fall, and a large crowd of boys is expected. All boys in the city over 12 are cordially invited.

—Mr. L. C. Brogden, State supervisor of rural schools, was in the city yesterday en route from Columbus county to Raleigh, where he will spend the holidays.



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—To the Boys and Girls Who Purchased the Pretty Presents;

—To the Ladies and Gentlemen Who Selected the Expensive Things;

To You All

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Conservative Progress

THE BIGGEST RETAIL BUSINESS IN THE CITY

Telephone Central Office Receives 30,000 Calls Daily.

Operation of Modern Exchange is Miracle of Efficiency When Extent of Service is Considered.—How It Is Done.

It is the biggest retail business in Wilmington, says Mr. S. D. Lucas, district manager of the Southern Telephone & Telegraph Company, in speaking of the local exchange of his company, and he cites as proof of this that an average of 30,000 calls are answered daily, making a total for the year of more than ten million.

That two score young women are able to take care of this service through the 24 hours of each and every day in the year is a story that sounds like a fairy tale. Needless to say, they could not do it, if it were not for a marvelous system of efficiency which has been built up as the result of modern science and a wonderful amount of ingenuity on the part of inventors.

Rapid Growth of Exchange.

The growth of the Wilmington exchange during the past six years furnishing a striking example of the increased use of the telephone in business. On January 1, 1910, there were 1,932 telephones in use in Wilmington while yesterday there were in operation a total of 3,620 telephones. This is an increase of over 50 per cent. in telephones while the population in that time has increased hardly more than 25 per cent. In other words the use of the telephone in Wilmington, according to Mr. Lucas, is increasing twice as fast as is the population.

In addition to the telephones in operation through the local exchange, there are 50 telephones through the Wrightsville Beach exchange during the winter and 150 during the summer. In the district served under the supervision of the Wilmington office, there are no less than 500 additional telephones, 300 of which are in Lumberton. While the Southern Bell is usually accredited with having a monopoly of the telephone business, it appears that there are in this section of the State no less than 19 independent companies, owning a total of 26 exchanges and operating a total of 2,300 telephones, all of these having contracts with the local office of the Southern Bell for interchange service. Through this arrangement the independent companies are for all practical purposes a part of the big Southern Bell system.

Improvements in the local service are being constantly made and only recently cables have been placed in the eastern part of the city and additional lines installed to Wrightsville Beach for use next summer. In order to keep the system up to date, it is necessary to keep several months ahead of the needs of the local exchange.

How Operators Work.

If there is anybody in Wilmington who has an idea that the young women, employed as operators, spend their time chewing gum and reading novels and magazines, a visit to the local exchange will speedily convince them of their error. There is no talking, no bedlam of noise, no disturbance of any kind, but on the contrary everything is quiet and subdued. The only noticeable noise is the constant click, click of the plugs as they are pushed into place on the switchboard or as they are withdrawn when a conversation is finished.

There is something about the place that reminds one of a big human machine. As one follows the guide to a position directly behind one of the operators at the switchboard, he hears the constant repetition of such phrases as "Number, please"; "Line busy"; "I will ring them again for you." This is all. As each number is called, it is repeated. But there is no other conversation. There is no time for any. The calls never cease. But everything is said in such a subdued tone of voice that not even the operator sitting in the next chair can hear. The transmitter is held in place immediately in front of each operator, so that it is not necessary to talk hardly above a whisper in order for those calling to understand.

There is no hurry but surely and unhesitatingly the operators proceed with their work without interruption, never stopping to ask idle questions. Should some self styled humorist, who is trying to demonstrate his wit, attempt to take up an operator's time, he will most likely find himself turned over to one of the supervisors, who from long experience will be able to deal with him as he deserves. The calls are answered quickly and with the greatest dispatch possible. Everything is done with an idea of service. There is no time for conversation, for the operator is constantly busy inserting and withdrawing the connecting plugs. Up and down the line of bright-faced young women are distributed the supervisors, who are continually instructing, relieving and watching—always with a view to seeing that there is no interruption in the service. Each supervisor wears a portable operating set, so that she can drop in at any point along the great switchboard, wherever her services may be needed.

A Multiplied System.

While each operator only answers the calls from a limited number of 'phones, through the use of the modern multiple system, she can connect these to anyone of the three thousand without moving from her seat. It is this that strikes the novice as the most remarkable thing about the exchange. There are here the equivalent of nine separate exchanges, each section being so arranged that several operators may if necessary answer the calls from that particular section. How it is possible to do this would make a long story. It must be seen to be appreciated.

When a receiver is lifted from a hook on a telephone, there is a light illuminated directly in front of some operator. When this light is seen, a plug is immediately placed in a socket near this light, connecting the operator with the 'phone in question. When the number is given, the operator connects the 'phone with the number desired by pressing another plug in a hole corresponding to the desired number, rings by pulling a small lever, gets off the line and attends to another call. When the connection is made, another light opposite the first light burns and as soon as the other party answers, both lights go out. While the two lights are not burning the operator knows that both parties are talking. When the parties hang up their receivers, both lights again are illuminated and the operator knows that they have stopped talking and she takes out the two plugs.

Whenever a receiver is lifted from a hook, it does nothing more than illuminate a tiny light. By working the receiver up and down slowly, the light flickers. If the hook is moved up and down rapidly, the light will burn steadily. There is no horrible noise, as some subscriber may imagine, when he with fury and fume works a receiver up and down like fighting a fire. Every effort is exerted to see that he is answered with quickness and dispatch, but if he is not, it would be well for him to remember the calm and collected manner with which the exchange is worked, keep his temper and work the receiver slowly in order to attract attention.

As stated there are nine sections of the local exchange and it frequently happens that an operator places a plug in a hole for a telephone that is busy. She receives a click in the headgear, which tells her that the line is busy. She then answers that the line is busy. When the lines are not busy, the connection can be made quicker than to have to call back, after making an effort, that the line is busy. This is a point that subscribers might remember with profit.

To Miss Sallie Justice falls the lot of looking after the system. She has a desk which is equipped so that she can plug in along the line and determine whether or not the work is being done properly. She has entire supervision of this department.

Thousands of Wires.

Mr. R. R. Grey is the wire chief and it is he that must see that the mechanical system is kept in order. When one views the thousands of wires that come in from underground massed in great cables and then sees how they are distributed through great frames, each marked, so as to be easily identified, after being divided into sections, one is impressed with the wonderful ingenuity of man. Down stairs there are eleven great storage batteries, which are stocked with electricity from the electric power of the Tidewater Power Co. They furnish the energy for the transmission of the human voice.

Every person connected with the exchange has his work—or it would be more proper to say her work—clearly outlined. There is the information desk, where an operator is always on duty to answer calls for missing numbers and to receive complaints. There is also a desk for the long distance telephones and another for the rural telephones. Each person looks after the work entrusted to her care.

Whenever a telephone fails to work, Wire Chief Grey is immediately notified through a red light on a switchboard in front of him. It may be nothing more than the fact that a careless person has forgot to hang up his receiver. However, when the red light appears, connection is at once made and through a testing board the nature of the trouble determined.

Rest Room Provided.

All of the operators are given resting periods during the day and for their convenience a large rest room has been fitted up in close proximity to the exchange room. This room has been equipped with comfortable chairs and lounges and periodicals are furnished for those who desire to read. In the summer electric fans are in operation both in the exchange room and in the rest room. A lunch room is to be provided at an early date.

The social side of the work is emphasized and the operators and other employes have organized a society for mutual help and uplift. Meetings are held

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Matthew's English Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor.—Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Subject morning service: "God's Greatest Gifts." Evening service will be conducted by the Luther League. Subject: "What Is Christmas?" Sunday school at 10 in the morning. Christmas services by the Sunday school at 7:30 in the evening Tuesday. A most cordial welcome to all services.

Christian Science Society, church edifice Seventeenth and Market streets. Services in the morning at 11. Subject: "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 12:15. Wednesday evening service at 8:15. Reading room in the Murchison National Bank building, where all Christian Science literature may be read, open daily except Sundays and holidays from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend all services and to visit the reading room.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector.—Holy Communion in the morning at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evening prayer at 8. The Christmas service will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10:30 in the morning.

St. James' Church, Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D. D., rector, Rev Geo. F. Hill, Assistant Minister.—Morning Prayer and Sermon on "God's Peace" at 11. Evening Prayer and Children's Christmas Celebration at 4. At this service the children will bring their stockings, filled for disbtribution in the city, with a money offering for the relief of Armenian and Syrian sufferers in Europe. People's Service and Christmas Eve sermon at 7:30. The musical service will consist of Christmas Anthems and congregational singing of the old hymn and carols appropriate to Christmas Eve. Christmas day services and Holy Communion at 7:30 and 11. All seats free. You cannot better spend your Christmas Eve than by joining with us in these services. Come and bring a friend.

First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Song That is Led From Heaven." Evening subject: "Strengthening the Ties That Bind." This is the fourth in a series of Sunday night sermons in December on "The Building of the Home." Sunday school at 9:45; Young People's Union at 6:30. An earnest invitation is extended to all who will to come and worship with us.

Christian church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Morning subject: "The Star In the East." Evening: "The Cross of Christ." Sunday school in the morning at 10. Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree Monday night at 7:30. Mid-week prayer services Wednesday night at 8. The public is cordinally invited to attend all services.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann streets.—First mass in the morning at 7. Last Mass at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor.—Morning service at 11. Subject of sermon: "The Gospel Ministry." The Sunday school will assemble at 3:30 p.m. for organization and at 4 will march to the church where the annual Christmas exercises will be held with big tree and award of recognitions for faithful attendance. At this service, Mr. Hijime Inadomi, of Roanoke College and Kumonoto, Japan, will deliver the address. There will be no evening service. On Christmas morning a service will be held at 11. Topic of sermon: "To Bethlehem Hasten With Joyful Accord." The public is cordially invited to all of these services. Mengert Missionary Society will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4.

Grace Street Methodist church, corner Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor—Services in the morning at 9:45. Dr. C. M. Bishop, president of Georgetown University, Texas, will preach at the morning hour. The evening service will be one of song and the installation of officers of Woman's Missionary Society. Special Christmas music at both services.

Sixth Street Advent Christian church—Mr. S. J. King, son of Rev. J. P. King, will preach upon "The Unpardonable Sin." The orchestra and choir will render music for the services. The public is cordially invited to hear this vital subject of importance. Services at 7:30 in the evening.

St. John's Mission, No. 1313 North 4th street—Sunday school 9:30 A. M. J. Edwin Bunting, superintendent. Evening prayer every Wednesday evening at 7:30, by the rector, Rev. R. E. Gribben.

SEEK POSTAL PLUM

Many Aspirants For Southport Postmastership Enter Race.

Following the report that Postmaster R. S. Newton, of Southport, was preparing to resign from his office, a number of prominent Southport citizens are preparing to enter the race for the plum, according to reports from the Brunswick capital. Among those who are mentioned as possibilities for the office are: Mayor J. W. Ruark, Mr. D. O. Daniel and Mr. Will Davis. All the contestants have been making themselves noticeable in the contest.

SALARIES PAID ALREADY.

Telephone Employees Fared Well for Christmas Holidays.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 23. — The portion of bonus money to be distributed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company to its employees in Greensboro and other points of this district is as follows: Greensboro, $1,765; High Point, $256; Burlington, $55; Reidsville, $474; and Thomasville, $36. The company also paid the salaries of all its employees fo rthe month of December before Christmas, and the bonus money, amounting to nearly half a month's salary, gives its employees a tidy sum for the holidays.

Greensboro, Dec. 23. — The Greensboro Young Women's Christian Association, which already has about $20,000 subscribed towards its building fund, is planning a campaign for February to raise enough money to bring this amount up to $75,000. Mr. Chas. W. Gold, treasurer of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, has been selected as general leader in the campaign, which will be conducted along the lines of similar efforts.

Topic for Sunday, December 24, 1916.

HELPING TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S COMING.

John 10:1-18.

(Christmas Meeting).

No better deed can be done in connection with Christmas than that each man, woman and child should face the theme of this topic. How may I fulfill the purpose of Christ's coming? Before that is answered this other query, "What is the purpose of Christ's coming?"

(1) He came as God in flesh. The first Christmas made it possible for men of earth to see what God is like, for Jesus is God incarnate.

(2) He came as the instrument of salvation, as the mouthpiece of God's message, but also as the active agent in a sacrificial plan of salvation.

(3) He came as the messenger of love. Love was imperfect before, but His teaching, and His presence, have meant love ever since.

(4) He came as a friend to all men. Before not since there was no universal man. The message of Christmas is therefore the message of equality and brotherhood.

(5) He came as the Prince of Peace. Strife and bloodshed were not a part of His coming, nor of His programme. "And on earth peace" properly represents Him.

(6) He came as the Saviour of the world, to lift men from sin, and by lives of righteousness to attain to Christ-likeness.

For every Christian to fulfill the purpose of Christ's coming each of the several purposes must be carried out, in whole or in part.

(1) Each Christian makes possible the fulfillment of Christ's coming by imitation of His perfect character. Christ must be hailed as the one supreme standard of perfection in human life, and His followers must so live His life before the world.

(2) Every Christian is an evangel of the gospel message, pointing out to others. Each, being saved, becomes, in a limited sense, a saviour of others.

(3) We fulfill His gift of love by personifying love in our lives. The world should easily detect the highest forms of love in those who are like Christ.

(4) We fulfill His friendliness by being the example of friendliness. No Christmas spirit is richer, or more appropriate than this.

(5) We embody His purpose as the Prince of Peace by proclaiming the rewards of peace. Happy the day when the Christian purpose of the ages shall come, and war shall have been forgotten.

(6) We fulfill His purpose of world Saviourhood by carrying or sending His message to the ends of the earth. Christmas day is more than the 25th of December in America. It is the entire sweep of time in all the world, until "every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord."

"Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace;
East, west, north and south let the long quarrel cease;
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,
Sin of glory to God and of good will to man!
Hark! Joining in chorus
The heavens bend o'er us!
The dark night is ending, and dawn has begun." —WHITTIER.

"No trumpet-blast profaned
The hour in which the Prince of Peace was born;
No bloody streamlet stained.
Earth's silver rivers on that sacred morn;
But o'er the peaceful plain,
The war-horse drew the peasant's loaded wain. —BRYANT

DROWNED AT A. C. L. WHARF

Craven Man Loses His Life in Neuse River at New Bern.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, Dec. 23.—Samuel Lancaster, a well known farmer of the Ernul section of Craven county, lost his life when he fell from the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company's dock at the foot of Queen street late Thursday night and was drowned before help could reach him. Mr. Lancaster came to New Bern on Thursday to attend to some business and it is supposed that he met friends and began drinking and some time during the evening wandered down to the Coast Line wharf.

Shortly after 10 o'clock Mr. W. D. Shaw and his son, Linwood, heard some one call for help from the direction of the wharf. Upon arrival there they found Mr. Lancaster in an intoxicated condition and while he was attempting to arise he fell into Neuse river and was drowned before help could be given him. The deceased is survived by his wife and several children and a number of near relatives.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The fire department was called out at 9 o'clock last night on account of a small blaze in the rooms occupied by Mr. J. G. Foreman, at No. 105 Dock street. The blaze was started by a defective flue. The damage was slight.

—Mr. J. M. Geary, superintendent for the government in connection with the construction of the new Federal building, was presented with a handsome solid silver and gold-lined cigarette case on Friday by the foremen of the Northeastern Construction Company, as a Christmas Gift.

TWO NEW CORPORATIONS.

Corbett Motor Truck Co., and Bank of Saluda Chartered.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—The Corbett Motor Truck Co., of Henderson, is chartered today with $100,000 capital authorized and $25,000 subscribed by R. J. Corbett, A. Cooper, J. D. Cooper, A. A. Zollicoffer and others, for manufacture of motor trucks, bicycles and other vehicles.

Another charter is for the Bank of Saluda, Polk county, capital $10,000 authorized and $5,500 subscribed by E. M. Salley, W. P. Hume and others, for a general banking business.

Christmas in American Monasteries

Celebrating the Birth of the Christ Child - Impressive Ceremonies At Bethlehem Followed Accurately By Franciscan Friars - A Remarkable Service.

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THE celebration of the feast of Christmas in monastery churches has its prototype for each in the elaborate celebration which is held annually at the place of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. Here come pilgrims from every part of the world to witness if not take part in the anniversary celebration of the birth of the world's Savior, at the place where He was born.

The Franciscan order of friars has had charge of the holy spots of Palestine since early in the Thirteenth Century when St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the order, was granted their custody by the Mohammedans. These shrines include the Franciscan Church of the Nativity, which stands over the place where Christ was born, and where the Virgin wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. The basilica which now stands on the spot is in the hands of the Latins, Greeks and Armenians.

A narrow stairway hewn from the rock, leads down to the vault below. The place where Mary brought forth her Son is a low crypt or cave cut out of the solid rock. At one end of it is the excavation in the stone wall where stood the manger, now removed to Rome. At the east end a slab is fixed on the pavement under the altar, and in the midst, inlaid in silver, is a representation of the star of Bethlehem, encircled by the Latin words, "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus natus est," meaning "Here Jesus Christ was born of the Virginia Mary."

At a little distance is another altar marking the spot where Mary with her Son received the Wise Men, and the offerings of gold, incense and myrrh, which they offered to the Savior.

At The Birthplace Of Christ.

The ceremonies attending the celebration of Christmas in Bethlehem begin on the afternoon of the day before Christmas. At this time priests and people assemble in the square of the basilica to meet the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who has ridden over from Jerusalem, about five miles distant, to take the leading part in the Christmas ceremonies. He is preceded by a cross-bearer also on horseback.

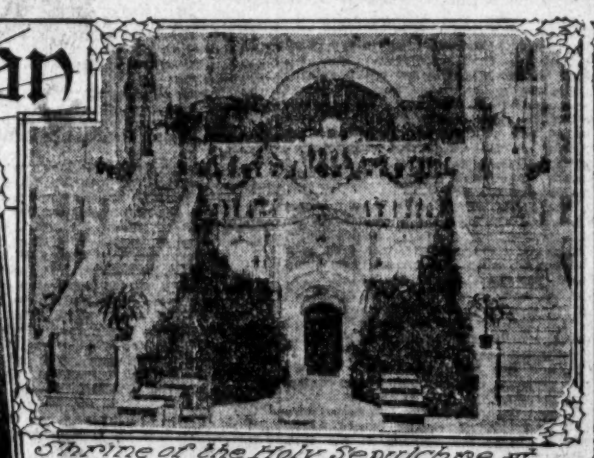
The Franciscan friars and other clergy are all in their ecclesiastical garments. The onlookers at this imposing ceremonial are composed of the citizens of Bethlehem, wild-looking Judean shepherds, Arabs on horseback, with pilgrims from every part of the world.

After dismounting the Patriarch venerates a particle of the holy cross presented to him by the superior of the Franciscan Fathers, and then all enter the Basilica of the Nativity in solemn procession, chanting the Te Deum. The Patriarch admits all present to do homage, and assists at vespers and at the solemn procession and veneration of all the shrines and holy places of the grotto.

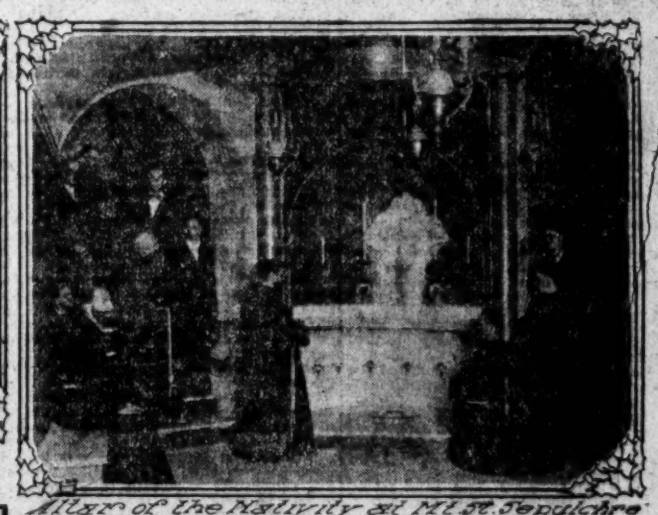
At ten o'clock the chimes of the convent church peal forth through the silence of the night over the hills and valleys of Bethlehem, inviting the religious and faithful to the solemn matins preceding the midnight mass.

The matins are followed by pontifical high mass, a cloud of incense rises into the air, a thousand candles spread a glare of light and the organ breathes forth its sweetest music. In the midst of hymns and canticles a procession forms to visit the grotto of the Nativity, and an image of the infant Jesus is placed in the arms of the Patriarch.

Dominican Friars Chanting the Office in Monastery Choir



Shrine of the Holy Sepulchre at Franciscan Monastery before which Christmas Matins and Lauds are Sung



Altar of the Nativity at Mt. St. Sepulchre a Replica of that in Bethlehem - Here the Christ Child is Laid on Christmas Morning

Franciscan Monastery and Church of St. Sepulchre at Washington

The Christ Child Image in the Manger

Then the procession begins to move. The Patriarch is preceded by the Franciscan Fathers, who lead with lighted candles, chanting hymns and canticles. The French consul, as the representative of Christendom, follows with his staff. A detachment of Turkish soldiers keep the faithful at a respectful distance.

Ceremony And Masses.

At the grotto the venerable Patriarch disposes the Christ Child on the very spot where it is believed He lay nineteen centuries ago. Then one of the Fathers intones the Gospel of that memorable night. At the words, "She brought forth her first born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes," he stops, and the Patriarch, kneeling down, takes the infant from the place of the nativity and carries it to the place of the manger, where a small crib has been prepared. There it remains exposed to the view of the faithful for the rest of the day.

The Gospel then concludes with the Gloria and the Te Deum. By this time the day begins to dawn and everybody retires for a few hours of rest. But the masses continue in the grotto in uninterrupted succession until late in the afternoon; and it often happens that the last one is finished when the short winter day has again expired and the second night has begun.

The ceremonies which take place at the Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem at Christmas are reproduced as closely as circumstances will permit in every monastic church in the United States. In none, however, are the Oriental ceremonials more faithfully enacted than in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, at Washington, D. C., named after the famous basilica in Jerusalem, to which is attached the mother home of the Franciscan friars in America.

An Impressive Institution.

The great monastery church stands on Mount Sepulcher, a glorious eminence overlooking miles and miles of rich country surrounding Washington. It is built on Byzantine lines, restrained by the simplicity of the Franciscan order, in the form of the five-fold cross, which is the coat-of-arms of the Latin kingdom of Jerusalem. In it are assembled faithful reproductions of the holy shrines of Palestine, each separate and distinct but all combined in a beautiful and harmonious whole.

The chief feature of the church, as of the entire establishment, is the holy sepulcher, which is an exact reproduction of the original tomb preserved in Jerusalem as the holy of holies and sheltered by the magnificent Church of the Holy Sepulcher there, the mecca of many Christians. It was to preserve the tomb of Christ that the crusaders from various parts of the world gave up their lives.

Many chapels and shrines fill in the spaces of the great American edifice. In its center stands the main altar, where the high masses are said. Beneath the church, and leading down to them by stairways which are replicas of the Latin and Greek stairways in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, are a number of underground chambers. These are true copies of various of the sacred spots in Palestine.

The Grotto of the Nativity, as it exists today in Bethlehem, is faithfully represented in this crypt. In a semi-circular niche between the two stairways, one sees the exact reproduction of the birthplace of our Savior as it is preserved today in Bethlehem. The spot is indicated by a silver star under the altar, and an inscription like that in Bethlehem proclaims that "Here was Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary."

To the right, in a little recess in the grotto where of old the shepherds were wont to feed their animals, is the manger lined with straw, and in it the Father Superior of the Franciscan monastery lays a beautiful image of the Divine Infant each Christmas morning. A little to the side of this there is a small altar, known as the altar of the Wise Men, and above it hangs a painting of "The Adoration of the Magi."

A Remarkable Celebration.

At the rear of this grotto a large wall painting represents the appearance of the angel to the shepherds, bearing to them the good tidings of great joy. Not far from this another piece shows the Bethlehem of today. The little town is seen through the trees, a picture of exquisite peace and quiet. Beautiful decorations of palms and flowering plants adorn these grotto altars for their Christmas ceremonies.

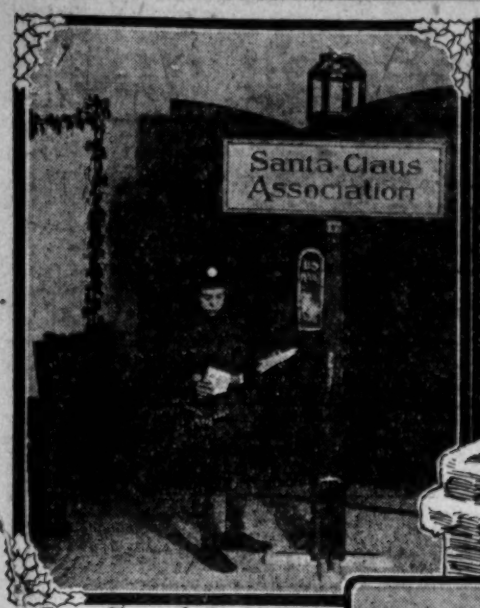
The Christmas matins and lauds are sung in the Franciscan Monastery church at Washington late on Christmas Eve, in front of the beautiful shrine of the Holy Sepulcher. This is followed by the midnight mass, celebrated by the Father Superior of the Monastery in front of the main altar. After this is ended the procession forms, an image of the Savior reclining on a richly embroidered cushion being placed in the arms of the celebrant.

This he carries in the procession of priests, lay brothers and people, all singing the Adeste Fidelis, through the church and down to the grotto of Bethlehem. The image of the Christ Child used in this procession is a beautiful piece of wood-carving executed in Barcelona, Spain, and later laid in the original manger at Bethlehem to be blessed for its use in America.

When the grotto of the Nativity is reached, the infant Christ is laid upon the star-marked spot of the Nativity, the encircling lamps brightly illuminating the scene. At the words of the Gospel, "laid Him in a manger," the reader stops, while the priest transfers the Babe to the manger, and the service closes with the Gloria.

This ceremony is followed by mass after mass in the little grotto, which remains crowded with worshippers until late on Christmas morning. The image of the Christ Child remains on view to the public until the feast of the Epiphany, when it is removed until the return of another Christmas.

THE LEGEND OF SANTA CLAUS



Boy Scout Delivering to Wealthy People Letters Written by Poor Children to "Santa Claus." These People often Fulfill the Pathetic Appeals

The Modern Santa

Santa Claus Visiting Crippled Children in Hospital

Santa Up-to-Date

Santa Claus and Two of his Reindeer

How the Good Saint Nicholas Became the Patron Saint of Youth, and the Transition to Santa Claus, the Joy of Children at Christmas Time.

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AROUND many of the Christian festivals hover interesting and fascinating traditions and legends. The origin of these may be hard to trace, but most of them spring from some simple celebration or incident which catches the fancy of the people and touches some sentiment that is found to be universal in mankind, and one that is destined to endure for all time.

The legendary history of all nations, pagan as well as Christian, abound in these traditions and in festival or patron saints, associating themselves with some national or religious festival and finding expression in every conceivable way. Time may change the form of the ceremony, but the main purpose of it remains, for the lapse of centuries seldom changes the idea which underlies the celebration of the occasion or the honoring of the saint who suggested the festival or gave rise to the tradition. In this class is Santa Claus, the wonder and delight of children, whose association with the Christmas time adds to the joyousness of the Christmas season, and whose mission typifies God's gift to man.

St. Nicholas Becomes Santa Claus.

The name Santa Claus is a sort of nickname for the good Saint Nicholas, who was the patron saint of the children. This saint's day occurs on December 6th, but somehow the real celebration of the day has been changed to Christmas—the feast of December the 6th being a religious service alone and held in the Church as a sort of pre-Christmas service.

The good Saint Nicholas was the Archbishop of Myra, in Lycia, in the fourth century—a holy person of various attributes. He always took the part of the poor against the rich, and in seaport towns he was beloved by the sailors because he stilled a storm when they were journeying to the Holy Land. The thieves feared him because he always made them give back their plunder. He became the patron saint of boys and girls through a tradition that he once resuscitated three school boys whom a wicked innkeeper had murdered and salted in a tub; also because he saved three girls, daughters of a nobleman, from a life of infamy by throwing them enough gold to enable them to marry honorably. He is supposed to have died on December 6th, 342, and his festival is celebrated on that date by the Roman Catholic and Greek Churches with especial reference to his patronage of youth. In most of the Protestant countries Saint Nicholas has become Santa Claus, the dispenser of gifts at Christmas.

Origin Of Hanging Up Stockings.

The writing to Santa Claus for gifts had its origin in France many years ago when a few days before Christmas the children posted the following request above the fireplace in the living room:

"St. Nicholas, my good patron,
Send me something very good."

The request was usually granted, being quite as effective as the present-day Santa Claus letters, which cover pages of our newspapers just before the Christmas festival.

In some parts of Europe Santa Claus boldly presents himself at the door with his pack of toys and goodies and gives each child a gift. In Southern Austria Santa Claus is always accompanied by an angel, who questions each child as to its behavior during the past year and gives out the gifts according to the degrees of obedience. The smaller children are put to bed after dishes are set out to hold the goodies intended for them. It was the Holland Dutch who were responsible for the blending of Saint Nicholas into Santa Claus centuries ago, when they began to tell their children of the jolly old elf who came over the housetops with his reindeer and sleigh full of toys each Christmas Eve, how he climbed down the chimneys and trimmed Christmas trees and left toys while children were asleep.

In Holland And Germany.

It was a beautiful idea, this bringing gifts, and as Saint Nicholas was the patron saint of youth he soon became the Santa Claus of both Holland and Germany. The Dutch settlers brought the tradition to America, where it lives today to the never-ending joy of the American children whose faith in Santa Claus is so great that they believe he can come down the chimney of a steam-heated apartment just as he did when open fireplaces were in vogue. Time only adds more glory to the legend of Santa Claus, for of all personages whose marvelous doings have filled pages to the delight of others he stands out pre-eminent among the children. He has outlived all the great gods, and all the impressive and poetic conceptions which once flitted between heaven and earth; these have gone but Santa Claus remains by virtue of a common understanding that childhood shall not be despoiled of its most cherished beliefs.

Workshop Hidden.

Where does Santa Claus have his workshop, is one of the questions the children ask, and the Dutch have an answer, for they declare that it is away up in a big room where his wife never goes. There Santa Claus makes his wonderful toys, dolls, jumping jacks, horns, drums, and even now he is at work on the gorgeous soldiers which he will bring to the boys this year. On Christmas Eve he gets his old sled down from the stable away up by the North Pole, and as soon as his wife goes to sleep he puts on his furs and gets his pipe and then loads the toys on his sled. The reindeer stand perfectly still while he loads the sled, fearing to move lest they wake the old lady. Load after load is carried over the housetops and down the chimneys where he trims Christmas trees, fills stockings and leaves toys. Santa Claus enjoys his work and chuckles over the fact that his wife does not know that he is out of the house.

Rich People His Assistants.

Few, if any, children are neglected by Santa Claus, for should he be unable to make enough toys for all the children, kind rich people frequently purchase toys and send them to him to help him out. In New York there are a number of men and women banded together for this purpose. They even have a letter box in which poor children whose parents cannot reach Santa Claus may post letters to him. Boy Scouts collect these letters and carry them to the headquarters of the society who forward them to Santa Claus with money and toys so that he may be sure to be well supplied and that no child is overlooked. They can even reach old Santa by telephone now as he sits in his old Dutch kitchen.

How happy the children of America should be this year with peace and plenty all about them. Their fathers are not on the battle lines and their mothers are not doing men's work as are the parents of the poor children of Europe. Santa Claus has his pack ready, and when Christmas Eve comes he will bring out his sled and with a call to his reindeer:

"Now Dasher, now Dancer, now
Prancer and Vixen!
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donder and
Blitzen!"

he will gallop over the housetops and leave gifts for the little boys and girls of our land.

May this beautiful legend of Santa Claus ever live to brighten our homes! He who does not see in the tradition of Santa Claus a beautiful faith on one side and a naive embodiment of a divine fact on the other is not fit to have a place at the Christmas board. Such a man, says a noted writer, "should have neither carol, nor holly, nor mistletoe; they only shall keep the feast to whom all these things are but the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace."

Here's to Santa Claus, the children's friend, and in his own language:

"A Merry Christmas to all, and to all good night!"

Christmas Eve of Long Ago

Mummers of Long Ago on Christmas Eve in England (From an Old Print)

Christmas Eve in Bavaria—Child at the Window Watching for Santa Claus (From an Old Print)

The Adoration of the Magi—From an old Print which Shows the Belief that the Cattle are able to Speak on Christmas Eve

The "Bambino" of Italy—This Doll Represents the Christ-Child

Mummers in the Far East

Curious Customs of the Celebration of the Eve of the Nativity—A Blending of the Supernatural and the Real.

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IN the old days the Christmas holidays began on Christmas Eve and ended on Twelfth night—January 6th. During all this period there was feasting and merrymaking carried out on a much more elaborate scale than it is today for our ancestors in feudal times celebrated with a riot of wining and dining which not infrequently developed into an orgie. According to the Church calendar the eves of great ecclesiastical festivals are times of fasting and penance, but in the case of Christmas Eve it seems that rulers in high authority decided that the night before the birth of the Child should be one of merriment, and early in the Christian era Christmas Eve became almost as important as Christmas Day itself. This custom still prevails to a certain extent in Germany, where the children sit up half the night waiting for Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus) to come in and trim the tree, which their parents have set up. Meanwhile, the parents have "food and drink in honor of the Christ Child to be born on the morrow."

As far back as the thirteenth century the people of Devonshire celebrated Christmas Eve in regal style. Those who went after the Yule log, to be lighted on Christmas morning, were treated to cider mixed with eggs and spices. Master and servant met on equal footing on this particular night and side by side they played such games as jumping for the sugar-covered cakes, which were suspended by strings from the ceiling. Sometimes the entire party proceeded to the orchard, carrying a hot cake and cider as an offering to the apple trees for their fruit fullness. After the cake was placed in the fork of the largest tree the cider was thrown over it, while the men fired shots and the girls shouted verses beseeching the trees to continue to bear fruit. Spiced ale was used in some parts of England and sprinkled on the meadows as well as the trees.

Game Of Snapdragon.

The game known as "Snapdragon" was in high favor during the reign of Henry VIII, and it is said that this much married monarch's chief delight on Christmas Eve was watching his courtiers try their luck in this game and enjoying their discomfiture when they burned themselves in the flame. The game, if it may be so called, was played by the host depositing a quantity of raisins in a large shallow bowl and pouring brandy over the fruit. The brandy was lighted and the bystander endeavored to grab a raisin by plunging his hands through the flames. As this is a feat which requires more or less courage and rapidity of action it evoked shouts of laughter from the crowd when a courtier was unsuccessful. While this was going on the lights in the room were put out, so that the flaming bowl might have the weird effects of the Druid fire worship practiced centuries before.

Another fire game was putting a lighted candle in a can of ale or cider and then drinking the contents of the vessel. This was made all the more difficult from the fact that long mustaches and flowing beards were in fashion at that time. It is said that King Henry "Laughed immoderately when the mustache of one of his courtiers caught fire."

The Mummers.

The Mummers, now known as "Kris Kingles" are a product of the English Christmas Eve of centuries ago—men and women garbed in fantastic costumes and masked who went from house to house perpetrating coarse jokes and singing songs. Finally the Fathers of the Church feared that the disgraceful scenes of the old Roman feasts might be revived and they introduced miracle plays in which the Mummers took part. These dramas continued for centuries and gradually evolved themselves into our modern Christmas charades and pantomimes. Mumming has existed for centuries in the Far East, and even today the men of Manchuria array themselves in animal skins and mask and run about the streets on feast days. This is in honor of their pagan gods.

The Lord of Misrule is another English Christmas Eve custom for on that day the Mayor of London appointed a certain man to lead the revels of Christmas Eve and be known as the "Lord of Misrule." In many places this master of the revels was king of the festival until Twelfth Night when he abdicated his sovereignty with great ceremony. While he held sway all sorts of license was permitted by his satellites, and gradually the custom fell into disuse.

Touch Of The Supernatural.

Christmas Eve has its supernatural side in many lands due perhaps to the fact that the Church has hallowed the night above all others of the year. It was to the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks at night that the message came of His birth, and in harmony with this is the midnight mass of Christmas Eve celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church—a religious service lending a peculiar sanctity to the hour of its celebration. Yet with all the religious ceremony of the night there is a touch of paganism in some of the beliefs. Take for instance the legend of the Breton blacksmith who was found at work after the ringing of the bell for midnight mass. While he was bending over his forge a tall, stooping man with a scythe came in and begged him to put in a nail. He did so and the visitor then told him to send for a priest for this work would be his last. When the strange man had gone the blacksmith felt his limbs fail him and at dawn he died. He had mended the scythe of the Ankon—Death, the Reaper.

In Scandinavian countries up to a few years ago the people had a vivid sense of the supernatural on Christmas Eve. They believed that the dead came to revisit their homes on that night. The living prepared for these visits with a mingled dread and anxiety to make the departed welcome. Candles were left lighted, beds were made and warm baths prepared for the uncanny visitors. This being done the family retired. Early the next morning the chairs were examined and it was always found that someone had used them during the night.

In the Tyrolean Alps milk used to be set outside the houses while the midnight mass was being sung. This was intended as food for the Christ Child and His Mother. This custom had its origin in the Feast of Juul, in Norway, when pots of porridge and milk were placed outside the door to win favor with "Tomte Gubbe"—the god of the household, for the coming year.

Gift Of Speech In Animals.

The belief that animals have the gift of speech on Christmas Eve has not entirely died out in Europe. This originated with the legend of the cattle bowing in adoration before the Child in the manger at Bethlehem. Curious stories are related to prove the remarkable phenomenon. One comes from the German Alps and runs as follows: "Once upon a time there was a farmer's servant who did not believe that beasts could speak, but hid himself in the stable on Christmas Eve and listened. At midnight he heard surprising things.

"'We shall have hard work this week,' said one horse.

"'Yes, the farmer's servant is heavy,' answered the other.

"'And the way to the churchyard is long and steep,' said the first. The servant was buried that day week."

Fortune Telling.

Christmas Eve up to the eighteenth century was a time for auguries. For instance, among the Slavs if a girl wanted to know what sort of a husband she was to marry she put a loaf of bread, a plate, a knife, spoon and fork on the table before retiring. At midnight the spirit of her future husband is said to have come to her bedside and thrown the knife at her. If the knife fell without injuring her she was sure of a good husband, but if hurt she would die young. When young men wished to try their luck they had to wait until everybody was at midnight mass and then go out and sift ashes. While the man was at work his future bride appeared and pulled his nose three times and then ran away.

In the early days there was a belief in France that while the midnight mass was being chanted hidden treasures were revealed. In Russia the people believed that the waters of springs were turned to wine. The refusal to accept the miracle caused a woman's death, so runs the legend. It seems that she determined to test the belief by drawing a bucket of water from the well on Christmas Eve, declaring as it came up that she did not believe it was wine, but before the bucket reached the top she fell dead and the water in the well turned to blood.

In Germany a representation of the Christ Child was introduced on Christmas Eve—usually a girl with golden hair who went about leaving gifts for the children. In Alsace the girl who represented the Christ Child had her face made up with flour and wore a gilt paper crown with a candle at the top. In one hand she carried a bell and in the other a basket of sweets. She was followed about by a boy dressed in bear skin with a blackened face. He threatened all bad children with switches, but they were saved from chastisement by the intercession of the Christ Child. This established usage still prevails in the rural districts.

Special Blessings.

There is a certain tradition in Spain which accounts for the fact that in nearly every room of the Spanish home one finds a picture of the Saviour. This is because there is a beautiful belief rooted in the minds of the people that when the hour of midnight strikes on Christmas Eve the Virgin bringing blessings in her train visits every house where she can find an image or portrait of her son.

Italy has its famous Bambino of Ara Coeli in a Francescan Church on the citadel of Rome—a large flesh-colored doll, made to represent the Christ Child. This figure is supposed to possess miraculous power in healing the sick on Christmas Eve. It is said to be made of wood from the Mount of Olives and is tightly swathed in gold and silver tissue, crowned and sparkling with jewels. On Christmas Eve it is taken down from its pedestal and driven to visit the sick in a gilded carriage used for no other purpose. Early on Christmas Eve the bejeweled doll is carried to the top of the Church and a priest raises it on high and reverently blesses the Eternal City.

The idea of hanging up one's stockings on Christmas Eve dates back many centuries, having its origin in Italy, where the children hung up their stockings on that night praying to the Holy Kings, who were on their way with gifts to the new-born King not to forget them. In Spain the children always left a little hay or straw outside the door for the horses of the Wise Men, who were traveling to Bethlehem.

So, it will be seen that the celebration of Christmas Eve began many centuries ago, and like a number of our festivals it has touches of legendary and of the weird.

FRAUDULENT BOND ISSUES DISCUSSED BY H. S. WARD IN ILLUMINATING MANNER

(By Hallet S. Ward, In Washington Daily News.)

I do not mean to assume the role of a quarreller or intend to say anything unkind, but your editorials entitled "Butler and Bonds" in the issue of November 20th and the subsequent one in the issue of November 24th are before me, and they present such a tangled conflict of information and misinformation that I cannot conceive of a greater editorial error than was the publication of them. In the former you refer to the bonds in question as "those authorized by the Legislatures of '54-'55 and '60-'61." In the next paragraph you say that eloquent orations were delivered on them in the late campaign, the sentiment of which was that the bonds were illegal and passed by carpet baggers.

Answering these suggestions seriatim, if any gentleman stated in the late campaign that the Legislatures of '54-'55 or '60-'61 contained a "carpet bagger," I did not hear it, and if he had been a Democrat and I had heard it, I would have corrected it. The "carpet bagger" was an interloper from the northern states who came after the war into the southern states and before acquiring citizenship, took hold of the public administration of county and state governments, dictated their policy and plundered their public treasuries. The war closed in '65. There were no carpet baggers until after then. I do not think you are correct in saying that there is any general impression of the character indicated by you.

You are incorrect in saying that Governor Holden called the election. In saying this, you are evidently mixing the sessions of '54-'55 and '60-'61 with that of '68-'69. In saying that Gov. Holden called the session of the Legislature it may be your purpose to give legality to the session of '68-69 that issued the fraudulent special tax bonds hereafter considered. If so, in this you are incorrect. Look at Moore's History of North Carolina, page 266, paragraphs 4, 9 and 10. I shall quote them hereafter. I cannot but presume that you are talking about the bonds issued by virtue of Chapters 225, 227 and 228, Public Laws of 1854-5. These several acts are before me and incorporate severally the following railroad companies, to-wit: the Wilmington & Charlotte, The Atlantic Tennessee & Ohio, and The Western North Carolina. The last named, providing for the construction of the Western North Carolina Railroad, authorized a bond issue originally of $2,000,000, afterwards increased by authority of the Act of 1866. These bonds were secured when sold, by the State's stock in the N. C. R. R. which was also one of the roads for the building of which the State issued bonds. In 1879, by Chapter 98, the State funded its entire bonded indebtedness and in enumerating them classified them as Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3. By this I mean the State offered to pay its outstanding bonded indebtedness enumerated in these three classes. The language of Section 4 of the act is as follows:

"These bonds shall be exchanged for the old bonds of the State mentioned in the first section of this act at the following rates: Class 1, for the bonds issued before the 20th day of May, 1861, 40 per cent of the principal of the bond or bonds so surrendered."

This includes the bonds referred to by Dr. Battle in the letter which you quote in the first editorial, and also those sued on in the suit of South Dakota against North Carolina which was decided Feb. 1, 1904. Every holder of this class of bonds accepted the offer and received pay except the two Shaffer brothers. They refused to accept, and held bonds to the amount of approximately $250,000. Be it remembered, please, that when this suit was brought this was all the money that North Carolina owed on what you can call its old bonds, except the fraudulent special tax bonds issued by the Legislature of '68-'69 of which I hereafter speak. Marion Butler was in the United States Senate when the idea was conceived by which Shaffer Brothers gave $27,000 to the State of South Dakota. He and Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota were the only two Populists, as I remember, in the Senate. Senator Pettigrew used his personal influence to have the Legislature of South Dakota pass an act authorizing the State to accept the gift. Butler was afterwards examined on oath in a duly constituted proceeding before a commissioner and his testimony is accessible, in which he stated his connection with the matter as attorney. The State of South Dakota brought the suit for $27,400. Before me now is the brief of the attorneys employed by the State of North Carolina, Judge James E. Sheppard, Judge J. H. Merriman and Mr. Geo. Rountree. Not one word is said in that brief about these bonds being invalid. The State has never contested their validity. The briefs are addressed to the points of jurisdiction of the court and the right of the state to bring the suit. South Dakota won and we then had a judment against North Carolina of $27,400. The Legislature of 1905, page 543, after appointing a committee to adjust this entire outstanding issue, passed an act authorizing the payment not only of the $27,400 but of the entire $250,000; and not to be understood as impatient with you (while I cannot conceive why the editorial should have been written), nor to be arrogant, I sumbit to you now this proposition: That if any of these bonds referred to by Dr. Battle in the letter you quote are outstanding and unpaid, I would thank you to bring them into my office and receive payment promptly. I say this not because I am able to pay the State's debts, but because I know she does not owe them. If they were valid, you ask, why do we complain at Butler and mix him up in a political way with the law suit? It is only this: The State has funded the issue in an act to compromise, commute and settle the consolidated debt of the State, and payment of nearly all had been accepted, and the State was offering the holders the amount others received. Shaffer refused to take it and the suit was to compel the payment of 100 per cent after the other holders had received 25 to 40 per cent. It was his first duty to uphold the legislative act of the State while he held the office of senator by its election, rather than to conspire with a friend to over ride the legislative policy of the state and profit by it. There is no act of public infamy more outrageous since the adjournment of the legislature which issued the special tax bonds which we yet refuse to pay and hope never to pay.

I did not start out, however, to defend the campaign, but to state the facts, and to state them from the record. What, then, is all this trouble about? I give it from its foundation.

On the 2nd day of March, 1867, Congress passed, over the President's veto, an act, of which I quote sufficient to explain the point hereafter presented:

"Whereas, no legal state government or adequate protection for life or property now exists in the rebel states;

"And whereas, it is necessary that peace and good order should be enforced in said states;

"Therefore, be it enacted, that said rebel states shall be divided into military districts and made subject to the military authority of the states as hereinafter prescribed; and for that purpose North Carolina and South Carolina shall constitute the Second District," etc.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 made it the duty of the President to assign to the command of each of these districts, of which there were five, an officer of the army not below the rank of Brigadier General, and to assign the duties and powers of such commander, and assign to him a military force. Section 5 provided that when the people of any one of the rebel states "shall have formed a constitution in conformity with the constitution of the United States (defining at great length which I cannot quote the qualifications of voters and especially the acceptance of the 14th Amendment,) such state should be restored to the Union." This act was followed up by a supplemental one on the 23rd or March which defined the procedure to be followed in making a registration of voters for the elections provided for. (Larneds' Reference History, Vol. 5, page 3685.)

Gen. Canby was appointed by Pres. Johnston, by virtue of that act, Military Governor of the District of North and South Carolina. Jonathan Worth was then the Governor of North Carolina and we had a civil government getting on its feet with wonderful success considering the chaotic conditions incident to the war. Gen. Canby's headquarters were in Charleston. In June, 1867, by order by telegram from Gen. Canby, Gov. Worth, who had been elected by the people in '66, was turned out of his office and Gov. Holden was put in his place. Elections followed and those elections were held under the regulations prescribed by Candy except where definitely defined by the Reconstruction Act above quoted. Moore's History of North Carolina, above referred to, page 566, is as follows:

"Early in the year 1868 a convention, so-called, was held to frame a new Constitution under the Reconstruction Act of Congress. The election for the delegates was held under General Canby's orders, and the returns were sent to him at Charleston. (not only were the returns so sent, but numbers of mallot boxes with the original ballots in them were so sent.) Upon his order the Convention met, and upon his order its delegates were seated and unseated.

"In the latter part of April the Constitution thus framed was submitted to such of the people as were allowed to vote, at an election held as before, under General Canby's order, and by him, in Charleston, South Carolina, the returns having been sent to him there, declared to have been adopted. It is now generaly known as the 'Canby Constitution.' In June, by order by telegram from General Canby, Gov. Worth, who had been elected Governor by the people in 1866, was turned out of his office and Governor Holden put in his place. The only authority for this and other outrages was the might of Federal bayonets.

"The Legislature elected under the recently adopted Constitution met on the 1st of July, 1868. It was comprised largely of negroes and of men from the North who had lately come to North Carolina. These latter were popularly known as 'carpet-baggers,' and as a class were mere birds of prey who came here for plunder. As might have been expected, the legislation of such a body was both corrupt and injurious. * * * Unfortunately, there was added to gross ignorance the most unblushing corruption and wanton extravagance. Many millions of debt, in the shape of 'Special Tax Bonds,' as they were called, were attempted to be fastened upon the State by this Legislature, but the people have persistently refused to recognize them."

It would make this letter too long if I were to quote all I desire which follows in this work that has been adopted as a standard authority in our schools and was so Mthrough the two sessions of the Fusion or Republican Legislatures of '95 and '97 without question. Let me please have space to quote just these other words on page 267:

"It (the Reconstruction Act above referred to) was made the law of the land, and under its provisions, while twenty thousand white men of North Carolina were deprived of the right to vote, that privilege was extended to every colored male in the State who had attained the age of twenty-one years."

The sessions of the Legislature which came together under the provisions of this act and under the conditions above stated issued bonds for the pretended purpose of building various roallroads. See Chapter 22, Laws of 1868 and 1869, which refers to the Western North Carolina R. R. and supplements and amends the Act of 1854-5 above referred to; but bear in mind that the bonds authorized by the Act of '54-'55 had been sold and the work of the railroad in progress for several years before the war and are now all paid. This act authorizes the issuance of a part of the bonds which were called the Frauduient Special Bonds and which the people of the State have repudiated. Chapter 21, refers to the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford R. R. Co.; Chapter 22 to the University R. R. Co.; Chapter 27 to the Atlantic & N. C., and the N. C. R. Companies. Chapter 28, to the Oxford, Raleigh & Gaston; Chapter 23, to the Williamston & Tarboro, authorizing its extension from Plymouth to Wilmington. Chapter 31, to the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio R. R. Co. It is impossible to do more than to give the places that these acts can be found and offer them to you and to the public in my office for any honest purpose. It was these and a few other enactments from which millions of dollors of bonds were issued, and they were called 'Special Tax Bonds" because several of the acts levied an immediate special tax for the payment of the interest. Under these special tax levies for interest, the people paid, as I have it from Dr. Battle (as taken down in the notes of his lecture by Mr. E. A. Daniel,) $484,857. In 1870 (see Chapter 19, Public Laws of 1870-71), $200,000 of this money so collected from the people for the purpose of paying interest on these bonds was in the treasury (the interest, I presume, not having accrued, or else the coupons had not been presented); and the above cited chapter compelled the treasurer to known as Special Tax Bonds to the amount of $4,000,000, and to cheat and defraud the State of the value thereof. And in pursuance of said conspiracy, on the 19th day of August, 1868, and on the 29th of January, 1869, did incite, procure, obtain and have enacted by the General Assembly an act to amend the charter of the W. N. C. R. R. Co. and that they were appointed commissioners to open books of subscriptions for the capital stock, with authority to receive subscriptions from solvent individuals and corporations and 5 per cent of such subscriptions; and on the 15th day of October, 1868, did as commissioners, sign, sell and deliver to the board of internal improvements of the State, a certain false and fraudulent certificate, in which it was certified that $308,500 had been duly subscribed to said stock, and afterwards other large sums, and that 5 per cent thereof had been paid in cash, to construct the Western division of said road; whereas in truth and in fact said sum had not been truly bonafide subscribed nor said percentage paid in cash, which was well known to them when they signed such certificate. The bill further charged that they fraudulently pretended to enter into contracts for the completion of the road when in fact no bona fide contract was made, and that the compliance with the charter was merely a formal one to procure the issuance of the bonds of the state in payment of the stock; that by said false pretenses and devices they fraudulently obtained from the public treasurer a large amount of said bonds in payment of stock in said company, which were fraudulently appropriated and paid to certain members of the General Assembly for '68-'69 and other persons to secure and obtain the enactments of said charter, and the balance they appropriated to their own use for their own individual purposes."

Upon this bill of indictment a capias was issued and returned endorsed: "Littlefield not to be found; defendant Swepson sick." Littlefield had flown to the west; Swepson took to his bed of sickness, from which he never recovered. The case was continued to the Spring term '75 and finally removed to Franklin county. Greasy Sam Watts was the judge presiding. He was one of the same political regime of eternal infamy. Counsel for Swepson, in the absence of the solicitor and of the associate counsel for the State, to-wit, the firm of Smith & Strong—afterwards Chief Justice Smith—stated in open court that the matters out of which the indictment grew had been compromised between Swepson and certain officers of the State in Buncombe county, and exhibited a paper which he and the judge said tended to prove it. I have never been able to find that paper, nor any record of it ,nor anybody who had ever seen it. Immediately the judge caused a jury to be impaneled and instructed them to return a verdict of "Not Guilty." Bear in mind, Swepson was not in the court but in his sick bed, and Littlefield not in the State. When the solicitor and Mr. Smith heard of it, they went to the judge at chambers with a written statement of the facts for him to sign and make a part of the record. The judge interrupted the reading—would not hear it, and refused to do anything. The State cannot appeal from the verdict of "Not Guilty." The solicitor went to the Supreme Court immediately with a petition containing the facts and made a motion for certiorari and mandamus to compel the judge to certify the facts to the Supreme Court to the end that the case might be reinstated for trial. The Supreme Court denied the writ and held that the facts showed there had been no trial and that the solicitor could put the defendants on trial without the writ. Judge Rodman wrote the opinion, in the course of which he used the following language:

"If the facts alleged be true, it cannot be denied that the judge before whom the proceedings took place was ignorant or scandalously forgetful of his duty, and that one whom a grand jury found fit to be tried for a serious offense has escaped a fair trial by management and fraud."

Swepson never got out of his bed, and Littlefield was never taken and in a few years died. Greasy Sam resigned presumably to escape imprisonment (79th North Carolina, at page 632.) This is only a sample given to illustrate the other frauds by which these bonds were issued, and by other persons.

Littlefield represented that a contract for building the road had been made, and obtained a large issue. Holden, the Governor, was impeached—among other things—for delivering the bonds before this contract was in fact made, as the act of Legislature required, upon the ground that he knew of the fraudulent representation and conspired to rob the State by delivering the bonds upon a representation which he knew to be false and fraudulent. You can find the articles of impeachment in possession of John D. Paul, Esq. The indictment and the effort to bring the defendants to trial above given, and the manipulation by Greasy Sam, is the last chapter in this history of crime, and is probably the blackest of them all.

"Westward the course of empire
(Littlefield) takes its way,
The first four acts lready past.
The fifth shall close the drama with
the day;
Time's noblest offspring is the last.'

Second. Did the State receive benefit from these bonds? You say in your editorial you believe it did. After 47 years of debate and denunciation, you are the only person whom I have ever heard say they believed it. Judge Settle, in his great campaign with Vance in '78, didn't say that he believed it. But there is a better way to ascertain the facts: Let us start out and reason together.

These bonds were issued in '68 for the building of the road. There was not any work done on the road until after the inauguration of Vance in January, '77. This is a physical fact which thousands of living men can testify to. In the meantime, old "Blow-your-horn." Billy Smith had the management of the road. If money went into the treasury of the State for the bonds, the books will show it, and are in existence in the treasurer's office. It is not possible that the political party we have charged with this thievery should, after 47 years, have been unable to show the book entry. If the money went into the hands of the railroad, the books of the railroad would show it. No entry has ever been pointed to. Where was the money represented by the bonds during the nine years from '68 to '77? Upon a reorganization of the railroad company, after the expiration of this time, the road was completed, during the Jarvis administration, and finally sold. Private subscriptions of stock, together with the funds arising from the original bond issues of '54, completed it. I am sorry you should tell your readers that you even believe the State received this money, or labor on its railroad, representing it.

Third. Did the purchasers of the bonds take them with notice of illegality and fraud? Witness, Josiah Turner and "The Standard," his newspaper. Did you ever hear forty fire

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LARGE EXPENDITURES OF CAPITAL REQUIRED

In New Southern Developmental Enterprises Announced.

Include Activities in Glass Bottle Manufacturing, Electricity Generation and Distribution, Coal Mining, Etc.

Announcements which are of special interest, as well as requiring expenditures of large amounts of capital, are among the many connected with Southern developmental enterprises of the past week. The Manufacturers Record tells the essential features of these enterprises, and they include activities in glass bottle mannufacturing, electricity generation and distribution, coal mining, graphite mining, iron and steel manufacturing, lead and zinc smelting, lumber manufacturing, meat killing and packing, etc.

The big enterprises include: $2,000,000 glass-bottle factory in West Virginia; $1,500,000 causeway construction in Texas; $1,000,000 electric-light and power enterprise in Oklahoma; $500,000 graphite mining and milling corporation in Alabama; $500,000 expenditure for additional improvements and developments of iron and steel corporation in the Birmingham district; extensive additional plants for manufacturing steel sheers by important corporation of the Wheeling district, $350,000 lead and zinc smelter in Arkansas; etc.

From the details in the Manufacturers Record are taken the following brief reports of a few of the many developmental announcements of the week.

American Bottling Co., subsidiary of Owens Bottle Machine Co., Toledo, O., will build $2,000,000 plant for manufacturing pint glass bottles at Kanawha City, W. Va.,

Galveston County Commissioners, Galveston, Tex., and several railways interested decided upon type of construction for new length of causeway spanning Galveston Bay; plans provide for reinforced concrete construction and a total expenditure of $1,500,000.

Consumers' Light & Power Co., Ardmore, Okla., incorporated with $1,000,000 capital to generate and distribute electricity.

Republic Iron & Steel Co., Birmingham, Ala., will expend $500,000 within the next two years for additional improvements and developments in the Birmingham district; betterments to include constructing electric plant to furnish power for Warner, Palos and Sayreton, install new mine tipple and washer at Palos, etc.

Rolay Graphite Mining & Crucible Co., Goodwater, Ala., chartered with $500,000 capital to build graphite mining and milling plant.

Whitaker-Glessner Company, Wheeling, W. Va., awarded buildings and machinery contracts for eight hot mills with each train driven by electric motors, cold rolls, annealing furnaces, etc., for additional plants at Beech Bottom, near Wheeling.

Fort Smith Smelter Co., Fort Smith, Ark., will build $350,000 lead and zinc smelting plant to contain 6000 retorts.

Holt Lumber Co., Bablin, W. Va., incorporated with $250,000 capital to manufacture lumber.

Nava-Sota Products Co., Navasota, Tex., incorporated with $250,000 capital for mining developments.

May Bros. Graphite Co., Ashland, Ala., decided to build $175,000 plant with 10-hour capacity 800 tons of graphite.

Bowyer Smokeless Coal Co., Sullivan, W. Va., incorporated with $125,000 capital to develop 1200 acres of coal land.

G. B. R. Smith Milling Co., Sherman, Tex., will build $120,000 mill with daily capacity 600 barrels of flour.

Batelle Coal Co., Fairmont, W. Va., incorporated with $120,000 capital for mining coal.

Ragland Coal Co., Pemberton, W. Va. incorporated with $100,000 capital to develop 750 acres of coal land.

Standard Greace & Glue Co., Baltimore, Md., organized to build $100,000 plant for manufacturing glue, soap and tankage.

Ragland Coal Co., Beckley, W. Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital to mine coal.

Stern-Fairmont Coal Co., Wyatt, W. Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital to develop coal land.

Carolina Packing Co., Wilmington, N. C., engaged engineer to design $90,000 meat killing and packing plant with daily capacity 250 hogs and 30 cattle.

Penick & Ford, New Orleans, will build $75,000 cold-storage warehouse for molasses at Harvey, La.

W. B. Livesey, Newport News, Va., and associates will build $60,000 compressing plant with daily capacity 50 carloads of hay.

Coopers Creek Zinc Co., Smithville, Ark., incorporated with $50,000 capital to mine zinc.

American Explosives Co., Sarcoxie, Mo., incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture explosives.

Alston-Parker Lumber Co., Tuscaloosa, Ala., organized with $50,000 capital to manufacture lumber.

Parker Land & Lumber Co., Savannah, Ga., incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture lumber.

Bath Hardwood Lumber Co., Warm Springs, Va., incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture hardwood lumber.

Amarillo Sash & Door Co., Amarillo, Tex., will build $50,000 plant for manufacturing sash and doors.

Eagle Graphite Co., Ashland, Ala., decided to build $50,000 plant with daily capacity 200 tons graphite.

PREVENTION BEST POLICY.

To Adopt Chinese Plan of Paying Doctors to Prevent Diseases.

(State Board of Health.)

The Chinese policy of paying a doctor to keep you well instead of curing you, or trying to cure you, when you get sick, is rapidly gaining favor in this country. Prevention is taking hold of practically every movement having any hazards whatever with health or life. For school children there is a system of medical school inspection having for its purpose to discover and prevent defects and diseases that may mature and mar in later years; for wage earners and industrial workers there are laws protecting against physical injury and impairment as well as laws for the prevention of occupational diseases, for business and professional men and women there has been designed the periodic physical examination in order to discover early tendencies to disease and to prolong the usefulness and life of man when most valuable.

Health insurance is another form of disease prevention that provides medical treatment when it is most needed. A number of State legislatures will be called to act on this question at their next meetings. The "Safety First" idea is at work not only in mills and railroad shops but in schools, in the home, and in all activities of life. It is now believed that accidents do not just happen but are made and are therefore preventable.

In this country, 28 states have laws protecting the health of the worker. Ninety-two laws for the benefit of the working man were passed in one year by Congress. An ounce of prevention weighs more today in the public mind than ever before.

RED CROSS AIDS SCOUTS.

Provides Certificates for Boys Who Advance in First Aid.

The American Red Cross Society has made special arrangements whereby members of the Boy Scouts of America who are 16 years of age or older and are holders of the Boy Scout merit badge in first aid, may obtain American Red Cross first aid certificates.

The Red Cross has co-operated with the Boy Scout movement for several years in providing encouragement and instruction for boys, to the end that they may become more proficient in giving aid in emergencies to sick or injured persons. Hundreds of boys have obtained the scout merit badge in first aid and it is expected that the new incentive provided for the American Red Cross will mean that eventually nearly all of them will go more thoroughly into the subject and gain still greater ability.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 23.—The holiday business here has been about 30 per cent. heavier this week than during the same week last year. Postoffice employes estimate that around 500 bags of parcels have gone from the local office for Christmas gifts. The business is regarded as heavy for a town of the size.

The Wilmington Star wants to know how far does a dollar go. Just now it doesn't go anywhere at all. In fact, it hardly gets started.—Charlotte News.

FRAUDULENT BOND ISSUES

bells ringing at the same time? Have you read of the bells of Boston calling the people to over throw the tea in the harbor? And of Liberty Bell when it rang out independence at Philadelphia? If so, put them all three together, and you have only a moderate representation of "The Standard" and Josiah Turner's agitations while this orgy of crime was going on. He got in jail about this time, and I think it was for his publications and exposures of these crimes, but I cannot be certain and haven't time now to inform myself. He watched over and exposed every act of every member. If a member suffered temporarily with intestinal constipation, he knew it and published it. He sent a famous telegram at his own expense to the stock markets of the world and exposed the fraud. The Democratic National Convention that nominated Horatio Seymore for President called attention to it. Do you now think the purchasers had notice?

You say you want facts from records and not arguments from politicians to disprove your impression that these bonds ought to be paid. Let me quote from a recent publication entitled "The New Nation," by Paxton, a standard modern history, speaking of the carpet bag administration in the south:

"Deliberate theft of public money was so common as to occasion no surprise. In no state were books so kept that the modern student can be sure he knows where all the money went. Graft in contracts, fraud in the administration of schools, negro relief schemes, sales of charters and votes, illegal issues of bonds, improvident loans to railroads, combined to enrich the office holder and increase the volume of public debt. A long series of repudiations of these debts injured southern credit for many years. South Carolina occasioned the most vivid description of the outrage in a book entitled, "The Prostrate State," written by a Maine abolitionist and Republican named Pike; and several other states would have furnished similar material to a similar historian." I quote from page 51.

For a picture more comprehensive and no less accurate of the carpet bag rule in North Carolina which brought these bonds into existence, turn to the 17th chapter of the Book of Revelation and read the first six verses:

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with the gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication; and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery Babiyon The Great The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of The Earth. And I saw the woman drunken with blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration (wonder.)"

Let me again say that the State does not owe one penny today on any bond signed by Dr. Kemp P. Battle; that Dr. Battle has never said that the bonds now outstanding against the State ought to be paid. What do you reckon the thousand young men of the State who sat at the Universitw under his lectures think of your editorial when you say that Dr. Battle said they ought to be paid? Before me now are the notes of his lecture in which he elaborates the reasons why they ought not to be paid. They were taken by Mr. E. A. Daniel in 1904. Let me say further that whatever Cuba may do, these bonds will never be paid while the Democratic party administers the affairs of this State, even though a judgment of the Supreme court of the United States should be rendered against the State. You ask, why and how the State would and could refuse to pay the judgment; and if it can refuse, why it paid the South Dakota judgment? Here is the reason: The South Dakota and Shaffer bonds were secured by a mortgage made by the State on its stock in the North Carolina Railroad, and therefore, this stock, having been conveyed by the State, was not the property of the State, and the stock was ordered sold by the Marshal of the Supreme court at the door of the National Capitol for the satisfaction of the bond. The settlement of the whole issue was the pride of the Glenn administration. There are no such securities behind the bonds on which Cuba seeks to sue; and the property of a state certainly cannot be sold under execution. You will never see these bonds paid, not even funded at one percent., while the Democratic party is in power in the State. Why do we warn the people against Butler in connection with them? Here is the reason: Having been willing to secretly devise and plan to have his State sued on the Shaffer bonds through his friend, Senator Pettigrew, and profit by the suit, while he was United States senator, infamy of which consists not in the fact that the bonds were invalid but that they had been compromised as to all except $250,000 at 25 per cent. on the dollar, when the suit was intended to compel the payment of 100 per cent. on the dollar; and having—as is well known—caused his associate attorneys, immediately after the South Dakota suit, to advertise for all the bonds outstanding against the State, we know his intentions are to bring about the collection of these bonds if he can. And again the Democrats have charged the Republicans, since the South Dakota suit, with the intention under Marion Butler's leadership, to permit the payment of these bonds; and five Republican conventions have met in Raleigh during the time that we have been making these charges, and no denial of this intention has been made in any of their platforms. If a man is indicted for crime and on trial, he may be convicted by a jury under the law of this State on the evidence that he was accused of the crime and had opportunity to deny it and did not.

Your second editorial on the 24th indicates that you got some information after the first, and got that mixed up with the information on which the first was written, and the "last state is worse than the first."

The State now owes no bonds issued prior to 1870 except the special tax bonds, and there is nothing else left to write about. I am sorry beyond expression that you seem to think your State would refuse to pay a legal or an honest debt. "Delusions die hard." If you have further trouble with this one,

"Drink deep of life's fond delusion,
Gaze on the storm cloud, and flee
Swiftly from strife and confusion,
Leaving the burden to me."

H. S. WARD.

GAS-HEATERS,

AND WHAT THEY MEAN TO YOU ON CHILLY MORNINGS:

WARM BATH ROOMS,
COZY BED ROOMS,
NO SMOKE,
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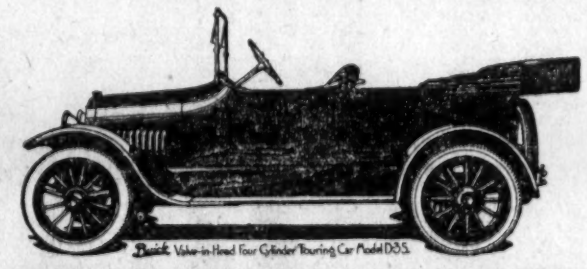

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THEATRICAL

So great has been the success of the D. W. Griffith historical spectacle "The Birth of a Nation," all over the country, that time and time again it was not possible to acommodate the crowds. Everywhere a line of intending purchasers forms at the box office in the morning and it seldom disappears until the box office closes for the evening. There is a reason for this tremendous popularity of the spectacle bearing the Griffith signature which comes to the Academy tomorrow and Tuesday following. In fact there are many reasons, but one is the wonderful detail of the photography, the remarkable sweep and vast comprehensiveness of the multitudinous scenes. For the proper enactment of the views of battles of the Civil War upon the screen thousands of men and horses were utilized. Great numbers of men, women and children were used to give verity to pictures showing the departure of troops for the front, jubilations over victory or scenes of mob violence.

At close range is seen the great liberator, Abraham Lincolin; and his assassination in the crowded Ford's Theatre is one of the most deeply impressive reproductions of an historical happening that has ever yet been visualized on the screen.

Of great value is the accompanying music arranged by Joseph Carl Breil. In this score are melodies of war times, martial tunes, national airs, tripping dance tunes and bits of grand opera that fairly illuminate and interpret the scenes unfolded to the eye. There is always the tensest interest as the picture is shown and Griffith with rare art permits no lagging inattention. There is constant shift fram grave to gay, from romance to intrigue. The play has its foundation in that sensational novel, "The Clansman," but Griffith has utilized this tale only to the extent of providing a humanly appealing story which he has enveloped with the truths of history. The Klu Klux Kian has an important part in the spectacle. The approach of the Clansmen is blood-tingling and there is no onlooker who can escape the pyschological influence of the onrush of ghostly-garbed riders.

Griffith made success doubly sure by engaging actors of first rate ability who would typify and make life-like historical characters as well as those of the novelist's creation. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to $1. The night prices will run from 50 cents to $1.50. Tickets are now selling for all performances at Elvington's Pharmacy.

The Prince of Pilsen.

One of the chief reasons for the long continued poplarity of Pixley and Ludors' musical comedy "The Prince of Pilsen" which comes to the Academy matinee and night on Monday, January 1, is that it has not been allowed to deteriorate in any respect, but is kept keyed up to the standard of excellence, which is the final word in theatrical production. The numerous song hits in this production have an enduring grasp upon public favor; "The Message of The Violet," "The Tale of The Sea Shell," "The Stein Song," with its ringing, swinging Heidelberg chorus, "The Song of The Cities," and "Pictures in Smoke" all have successfully contributed to this splendid entertainment. The company that will present this delightful musical comedy is made up of such well known musical comedy artists as Charles Horne, Estella Birney, Edward T. Mora and others. There will be an augmented orchestra.

Mae Murray at Grand.

Mae Murray, the brilliant Lasky-Paramount star, who has won such international fame by her powerful and fascinating interpretations of singular and charming roles in such Paramount productions as "To Have and To Hold," "Sweet Kitt Bellairs," "The Dream Girl," "The Big Sister" and many others, will be seen at the Grand tomorrow in her latest and greatest Paramount achievement, "The Plow Girl," a play which carries the audience from the South African veldt to the drawing rooms of the fashionable London society.

The story has to do with Margot, a little girl who is the family drudge of a drunken South African farmer. The farmer sells her to a saloon keeper and she is rescued by the solicitor of a titled English woman who is in search of her lost grand-child, whose parents perished during the Boer war.

A scheming relative, to obtain money from the grandmother, selects Margot to impersonate the grand daughter. How the little girl is made into a beautiful young society woman and how the tables are turned on the scheming fortune hunter when Margot comes into her own, is brought about in a vivid and spectacular manner. The cast supporting Miss Murray is of unusual excellence, and consists of Theodore Roberts in a wonderful characterization of the South African, Elliott Dexter, Horace B. Carter, Charles Gerrard, Edyth Chapman, Lillian Leighton and others.

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Mr. Selig has made the games entirely and fully consecutive by using birds-eye view to cover entire diamond. Also with a camera at each base giving close-ups of and details of each play as never before. It is something entirely new in motion pictures and enables you to see the games just as you would from the grandstand. You will want to see this—if you are even remotely interested in the great National game. As you thrilled at the accounts of the great plays made during the game, and you remember it all. Well, you will see each one of these great plays done over on the screen—at least the camera caught it and preserved it when it was done, and you will see just how each game was won and by whom.

This is to be a benefit performance—next Wednesday, matinee and night, with two performances only, benefit of the Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps. Tickets are on sale at principal down town locations and by the members, and as only a limited number can be sold for the two performances only, you had best get them first thing in the morning if you want to see it.

This Week at the Royal.

The Royal takes rare pleasure in the announcement of their great show for the coming week, having taken great trouble to book in the greatest bill ever presented for the money, a great double bill, two great shows for the price of one.

The main attraction, of course, is Arthur Hauk's Sunshine Girls Company, an all-star aggregation which has been making great records everywhere. Manager Arrington, of the Grand Theatr, Rocky Mount, after having played this attraction two weeks, wants them back again; Durham, the new theatre, has played them two weeks and they did morre the second than the first week.

The Sunshine Girls feature five big specialty and vaudeville acts, headed by the great Musical Kings, one of the most marvelous musical trios ever seen in Wilmington. Then comes those fascinating little personages, Helen and Iris Kennedy, in song and dance that will captivate everyone. Teck Murdock, in the leading comedy roles, with Barney Kleeber assisting at the fun-making, also Clarence Glidence, and last but not least, the Berg Sisters, make this the greatest all-star aggregation of the season, presenting new and nifty musical comedy shows. It is characterized as the "Big Song Show," and will please everyone.

The management has been fortunate in booking that great Keith vaudeville act, Ward and Barton, "The Yodler and the Actress," a young lady and a gentleman who have toured the entire world in vaudeville. This is a single act which costs almost as much as the entire ordinary musical comedy show, and comes direct from New York City to the Royal Theatre this week. You can hear them on the Victrola, for the complete Victor catalogue features them in a big list of records made for the Victor people.

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"Joseph and His Brethren."

Hearts and minds of children and grown-ups throughout the ages have thrilled in the re-telling of that wonderful story of Joseph; of the coat of many colors and of his rise to power in ancient Egypt. Every ingredient that combines to form this ancient narrative has been richly incorporated in a marvelous six reel motion picture masterpiece, "Joseph and His Brethren," the magnificent story of the ages by Louis N. Parker, adapted from the $100,000 spectacular stage production of the same name, and which is to be presented at the Victoria Theatre next Friday, as a benefit performance for the orphans under the auspices of the Luther League.

There is the conspiracy of the brothers, jealous of Jacob; how they sold him into slavery is a theme treasured in the memories of the millions. Of pathos and heart interest there is the deeply poignant grief of the old father when told the false story of Joseph's death under the lion's paw. And of the lure of woman, wily, seductive, aflame with the illicit fires of passion, there is the unholy love of Zelikah, the wife of Potiphar, the mighty Egyptian captain. The scenes wherein the vampire, using all of her meretricious arts, vainly seeks to swerve Joseph from the nobler, lofty way, is a cyclone of tempestuous feeling.

The treatment of the story for motion pictures has been made highly poetical and theatrical. Beauty and strength run as a team of spirited steeds, the film flashing on with cumulative power. It is a photoplay of magnificence, a photoplay with a universal appeal, which everyone should see.

Music of the Hawaiians.

Mark Twain, after his first visit to the Hawaiian Islands, said, in an interview: "The music of the Hawaiians, the most fascinating in the world, is still in my ears and haunts me waking and sleeping. I can still hear the pulsing of the surf at Waikiki, see the plumy palms drowsing by the shore, the garlanded crags and the leaping cascades, and this music fills me with the spirit of its woodland solitudes." Just as this music facinated the beloved American writer, so it has captivated thousands of people from both hemispheres who annually stop at the islands.

For those who cannot visit these lovely islands, we have brought this quintet of Hawaiian singers and players and they can be enjoyed in your own town. Hawaiian music by the gifted native singers and players has been a great success in America because it is different. The wistful beauty of the music seems to carry the American audience across the Pacific to those beautiful islands of the South Seas. We hear the native Hawaiian

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BEFORE the moving pictures made the Arabian nights look tame this might have seemed a fairy story. At present it is just a reporter's notebook sketch of actual events, and there is a sordid sound of money in it.

Think of three girls still in their teens who are piling up annual incomes of over $100,000 in the aggregate. The girls are Lillian Gish, Mae Marsh and Miriam Cooper, who play the feminine leads in D. W. Griffith's epoch making spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation."

Griffith understands the force of contrast in art as well as every other detail of this fascinating form of expression which he has made famous. In the three youthful stars of his masterpiece he has the satisfaction of seeing his work carried out triumphantly by three girls who have been trained under his guiding direction. Mae Marsh has that elfin and elusive quality which her Irish ancestry bestowed upon her. Griffith brings it out in striking effectiveness in his world famous work. Miss Marsh is red headed and clever far beyond the reach of her eighteen years.

Lillian Gish is pronounced the finest type of blond on the motion picture screen in America. She has been in the movies now for several years, beginning under Griffith's direction when a mere schoolgirl. She has played a world of parts and is known as well as Miss Marsh, who is beloved of millions as the Maude Adams of the motion pictures.

These two girls between them earn over $1,500 a week and have contracts with the big producing firms in filmland, which means they earn these salaries for fifty-two weeks in every year.

Miriam Cooper is the newest member of the trio and has only been in pictures about a year now. She has come forward steadily, and her work in "The Birth of a Nation" has enhanced her earning capacity. Miss Cooper is the southern type. She is willowy and languid and a pronounced brunette, making a complete contrast to the brilliant shock of Mae Marsh's red hair and the golden blonde of Lillian Gish.

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singers and players, describing in turn love for country, birds and flowers, tropic moon, soft murmuring of the waves on the beaches of Waikiki and the songs of love. The melodious strains of the songs and the accompaniment on native instruments, with the peculiar sliding of the fingers on the strings, is plaintive and fascinating.

The Waikiki Hawaiian Singers will give a performance at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening, and tickets will go on sale at Elvington's Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

CHARLES HORN
In the Famous Role of Hans Wagner in "The Prince of Pilsen."

Big Week at Bijou.

Big things are in store for Bijou patrons all next week for the great holidays, but tomorrow will probably be one of the very biggest out of the six days. Every day next week, some exceptional feature has been provided expressly for the holiday season, and patrons of the Bijou will find something to delight them every day in the week that they go there for their amusement.

Tomorrow, of course, the headliner is the 15th great chapter of the Universal wonder-serial, "Liberty," starring dashing and enchanting Marie Walcamp in the leading role. It is one of the greatest chapters yet'—absolutely, every chapter is getting better than the one before, and each week sees an increase in attendance over the previous week. This is something that has never before been accomplished in Wilmington with any serial.

And another rare treat—Claire Mersereau, the beautiful sister of Violet—you've never yet seen her in pictures, although she has been on the stage for several years, and has toured Europe in big stage productions. Now she is out at Universal City with her sister and comes to the Bijou tomorrow in her first great feature, "Ashes," a three-reel drama that for tense and dramatic action has never been rivaled. Don't fail to see this great beauty in her first big picture.

PATRONAGE LIST ANXIOUS.

The Politics of House Decides Half Million Dollar Revenue.

(Washington Correspondence of Boston Transcript.)

Something like half a million dollars a year is on the anxious seat, waiting to know who is to control the next House of Representatives. At present this sum is paid in monthly installments to several hundred employes of the House, known unofficially as the House patronage list. If the House shall turn out to be definitely Republican, as the Republicans declare, there will be many mighty upheavals in this little army; while if, as the Democrats hope, the House shall remain Democratic, joyful smiles will wreathe the countenances of those who now enjoy some of the easiest jobs at the disposal of the United States government.

The wildest reformer in the United States has never seriously got away with the proposal that the offices in the House of Representatives should be placed under civil service. Democratic House means, for example, not only a Democratic speaker and Democratic clerks, but Democratic sergeants-at-arms, Democratic bookkeepers, Democratic doorkeepers, Democratic messengers and Democratic policemen. Of course, since each member is entitled to a certain amount of patronage, the minority party has its share in this system of relief for the unemployed. And it is further true that in some few individual cases, trusted employes remain year in and year out at the Capitol, irrespective of the rise and fall of political parties.

Nobody pays much attention to the politics, if any, of Superintendent Elliott Woods, who has charge of the Capitol building and grounds. His job dates back so many years that most people seem to think that he came in with Lincoln. Nor will the blind chaplain of the House, the Rev. Henry N. Couden, suffer displacement by reason of a political change, for Mr. Couden is popular with both sides of the House. Probably the staff of laborers, mechanics, carpenters and others who toil in the sub-cellars and about the grounds of the Capitol will remain at their tasks as usual. But there will be plenty of lost jobs in other quarters to make up for these.

Were the House of Representatives run as a business institution, it would not carry on its payroll so great a number of underworked employes. One job, for example, which is subject to political change, is that which has the title of "Indexer of the Congressional Record." An index is issued once or twice a month. This index is prepared by a permanent staff of trained clerks who do a great deal else besides. A facetious critic of national affairs once declared that the indexer was the man who had to read the index. If this is true, it explains the reason for the office.

NOTICE!

The real estate and insurance business lately conducted at Southport, North Carolina, by Mr. William H. Pyke, deceased, will be continued under competent management. Arrangements have been made that all policies expiring will be renewed on date of expiration. Complete statements will be mailed clients on January 1st, 1917, or as early thereafter as practicable.

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CHRISTMAS COMES TWICE THIS YEAR!

Two Christmasses for the American people is the treat that is being offered by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

Having enjoyed the fellowships and precious associations of our own Christmas on December 25th, we may, by means of offerings made on that day, have a vital part in the Christmas joys or celebrations of our Armenian and Syrian friends on January 19th in the Land of the Christ Child.

The old style calendar is still used in Asia Minor, which, with other differences in customs, brings their Christmas on January 19th of the Roman or Western calendar.

The American people are asked for substantial thank offerings on Christmas Day, which money sent to Mr. C. R. Crane, treasurer of the committee, at No. 70 Fifth Ave., New York City, will be cabled promptly to American consuls and missionaries in the various distribution centers in Armenia, Syria and Palestine, and will arrive in ample time for the purchase of foods, clothing and necessary supplies for Christmas distribution January 19th.

There may be no cakes, candy and cookies in the stocking of the little children in Syria this year; in fact, there may be no stockings but when a child or man is hungry there is nothing sweeter than plain bread, perhaps unleavened and when a woman or child is shivering with cold there is no gown more coveted than a plain woolen blanket.

These things we hope to give to as many women and children as possible as a Christmas present this year, but the number that will be thus favored will be in direct proportion to the thoughtfulness and the Christian brotherliness of Christians in America as they this year gather around fireside and altar reverently to observe the anniversary of our Saviour's birth.

The Christmas ship has sailed, but comparatively speaking its entire cargo of wheat, flour, rice, etc., will be but a mouthful when distributed among the hundreds of thousands of hungry people.

The committee is expecting to send another ship as soon as funds for the cargo can be secured but in addition to these shipments of food landed at the port of Beirut, there is urgent need of help at other large centers inland, that cannot possibly be reached with this cargo. Tabric and Tiflis, for instance, in point of accessibility, are farther from Beirut than San Francisco is from New York.

To reach these and other centers money is being cabled by the committee as rapidly as possible and American commissions composed of consuls and missionaries are using it for the purchase of available supplies to save the lives of the helpless refugees.

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CHINESE LIKE GERMANS.

Have Had Fair Treatment From Them, Says Visitor.

(From the Washington Post.)

"Germany is greatly respected and admired by the Chinese people for her fair treatment of them," observed Dr. A. D. Hayden, an American resident of Peking, at the Willard. "In her business dealings Germany has proved herself a friend of China and has shown that it is not political influence, but cordial trade relations that she desires. Germany has entrenched herself firmly in the minds of the Chinese, and if she is successful in the present war its close will see the awakening of China through her help.

"The average American or English college in China is very poor in its standards, but in Shanghai there are two colleges supported largely by German manufacturers and the German government which are just as high in standard as any in Europe.

"The future of China lies in securing union among its people and in receiving a stimulus which can only be given through some outside nation which is really interested in her welfare, and the only such nation is Germany."

Dr. Hayden declared that in his opinion there is no danger of war between the United States and Japan at the close of the European war.

"The Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands are not of sufficient importance to fight over," said Dr. Hayden. "If the United States gives the Philippines independence, there is sure to be a disruption there which will finally end in the acquisition of the islands by Japan."

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HIRAM AND CYNTHIA

THE NEW MULE

By Alfred Jackson

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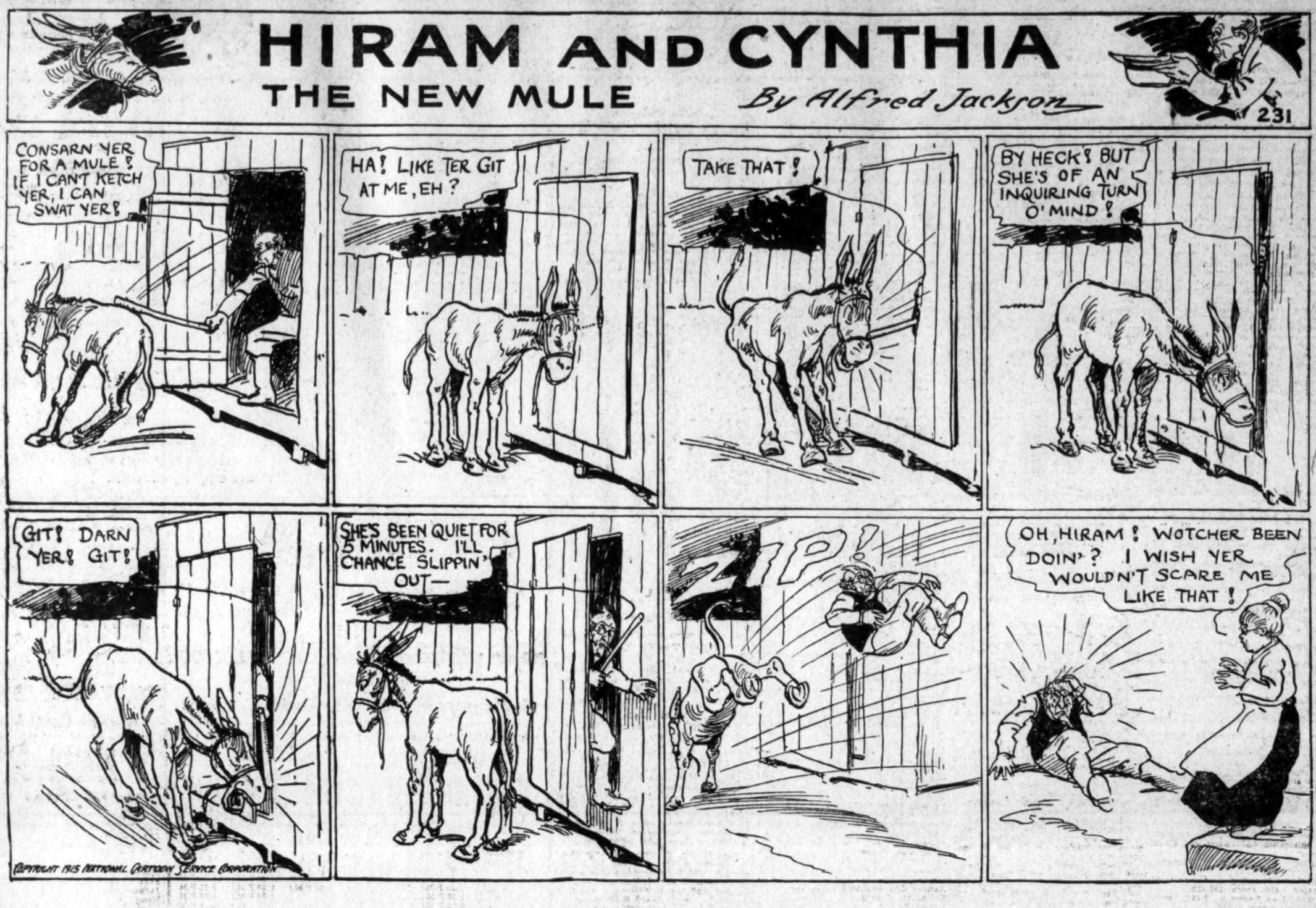
CONSARN YER FOR A MULE! IF I CAN'T KETCH YER, I CAN SWAT YER!
HA! LIKE TER GIT AT ME, EH?
TAKE THAT!
BY HECK! BUT SHE'S OF AN INQUIRING TURN O' MIND!
GIT! DARN YER! GIT!
SHE'S BEEN QUIET FOR 5 MINUTES. I'LL CHANCE SLIPPIN' OUT—
ZIP!
OH, HIRAM! WOTCHER BEEN DOIN'? I WISH YER WOULDN'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
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HE GETS SOME PERFECTLY NATURAL SURPRISES.

No 44

by F. R. Paul

THIS IS THE LIFE! NATURE SURE IS A WONDERFUL INSTITUTION. GIVE ME JUST PLAIN NATURE EVERY TIME!
SUFFERIN' JUPITER: WHAT'S THIS CRAWLING FEELING? RED ANTS! AND A WOLE COLONY OF 'EM!
I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST MY RELATIVES, BUT I'LL BE HORNSWOGGLED IF I LIKE TO HAVE MY ANTS CRAWL ALL OVER ME!
THIS IS A NICE AND SOFT PLACE TO WAIT UNTIL MY CLOTHES DRY. I GOT RID OF THOSE ANTS ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT.
JES' AS A MATTER OF UNFORMASHON STRANGER, WOULD YOUS MIND TELLIN' ME, HOW YUH CAN LAY IN A BUNCH OF POISON IVY WITHOUT CATCHIN' IT??
I WONDER WHO STARTED THIS BACK TO NATURE FAD!
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PAUL

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON RISES $3.00 BALE

General List Shows Net Gain of 39 to 60 Points—Advance Caused by Covering For Over Holidays.

New York, Dec. 23.—Active covering for over Christmas caused an advance of about $3 a bale in the cotton market here today. May contracts sold up to 17.29, an advance of 66 points from last night's close and of $4 points from the low level of Thursday and closed at 17.23. The general list close very steady at net gain of 39 to 60 points.

The market opened firm at an advance of 17 to 23 points, but reacted several points under realizing by recent buyers for a reaction. These offerings were soon absorbed, however, and after selling at 16.51 for March and 16.85 for July, the market turned strong on covering by Wall Street, Western, Southern and local interests. There seemed to be very little cotton for sale, as prices worked higher and the buying was probably stimulated by the bullish week end followers. A report that spinners had been calling a great deal of cotton on recent declines. March sold up to the 17 cent level and July to 17.32 or just about $4 per bale above the recent low point. The most general disposition was to attribute the advance to the stronger technical position of the market and a tendency to even up accounts in advance of the holiday.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	16.33	16.63	16.20	16.61
March	16.61	17.06	16.51	16.96
May	16.88	17.29	16.76	17.23
July	17.04	17.32	16.82	17.29
Oct.	15.46	15.46	15.15	15.57

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 16.75; sales, none.

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Midling, 17.25; receipts, 4,897; exports, 1,181; sales, 630; stock, 474,553.

Galveston—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 12,646; exports, 16,000; sales, 722; stock, 377,546.

Mobile—Middling, 17.00; receipts, 759; stock, 18,698.

Savannah — Middling, 16.35; receipts, 1,714; stock, 206,928.

Charleston — Receipts, 244; stock, 70,249.

Wilmington — Receipts, 218; stock, 49,917.

Norfolk — Middling, 16.50; receipts, 1,633; sales, 57; stock, 110,706.

Baltimore—Exports, 4,254; stock, 6,289.

Boston—Middling, 16.20; receipts, 1,872; stock, 8,900.

Philadelphia—Middling, 17.00; stock, 1,063.

New York—Middling, 16.75; exports, 9,164; stock, 136,857.

Minor Ports—Stock, 51,259.

Total today — Receipts, 23,983; exports, 30,529; stock, 1,512,718.

Total for week—Receipts, 23,983; exports, 30,529.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,764,151; exports, 3,013,474.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 16.55; receipts, 4,724; shipments, 5,300; sales, 448; stock, 272,454.

Memphis—Receipts, 8,224; shipments, 6,334; stock, 312,359.

Augusta — Middling, 17.50; receipts, 708; sales, 1,416; stock, 153,323.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 2,487; shipments, 1,620; stock, 24,365.

Little Rock — Middling, 17.00; receipts, 848; shipments, 620; sales, 620; stock, 54,691.

Total today—Receipts, 16,991; shipments, 13,874; stock, 817,692.

COTTON GOODS MARKET.

Drop in Cotton Causes Unsettlement. Some Lower Prices.

New York, Dec. 23.—Values of unfinished cotton goods have been greatly unsettled by the drop in cotton and the uncertainty of international developments. Re-sale of goods held in various second-hand channels has been as frequent as a slow absorption would permit and because of the pressure to sell prices have dropped fast. The 38½-inch 64x60 print cloths that reached as high as 5¾ three weeks ago, have sold as low as 7c and are still offered at 7¼c. Mills have dropped the price to 7¾c. As a rule mills and large dealers of goods as distinguished from converters and traders have held values quite steady and they feel confident that after some readjustment of the floating stocks, the demand will strengthen. A few constructions of sheetings and fine goods sold between second hands showed a decline, while branded cottons that are well sold ahead, have held their prices close to the top recently quoted. The break in cotton came at a time when the annual inventorying was approaching in many houses and there would have been some readjustment of stocks through second hands in any event. There have been no important suggestions of cancellations of orders, and the shipping of goods continues as full as restricted transportation facilities will permit.

Prices quoted are as follows: Print cloths 28-inch 64x64s, 6c; 64x60s, 5¾c; 35½-inch 64x64s, 8¼c; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 12c; denims 2.20 indigo, 21c; tickings, 8 ounce, 20½c; prints, 9c; staple ginghams, 9½c; dress ginghams, 11½c.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Extreme Steadiness Ruled Market, With Prices Shooting Upward.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Extreme steadiness ruled in cotton today and the price late in the session was forced 53 to 60 points over yesterday's close with last prices 54 to 59 points up. Much of the buying came from recent short sellers who wanted to take profits over the holidays, but they were forced to buy in an oversold market. Supplementing this inquiry was the strongest demand in several sessions for long account.

Much was made of the large mill takings, the heavy exports, the shrinkage in the movement of the crop and the small increase in stocks in the interior, and above everything December in the visible supply, an unheard of thing at this time of year. Bulls claimed the small movement in sight meant nothing short of crop exhaustion in the interior.

Closing bid: January 16.28; March 16.53; May 16.75; July 16.95; October 15.23.

Spot cotton quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot 300 bales; to arrive 330 bales; middling 17.25.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Chippewa, Maguire, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,572 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—54 1-4c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.60-1.95c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Holiday.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)
Rosin .....(—)
Tar 71
Crude Turpentine 4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 41 barrels; tar, 89 barrels; crude turpentine 5 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Nominal; same day last year, holiday.

Receipts—204 bales; same day last year, holiday.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 72,719 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 134,650 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

December 23, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—204 bales cotton; 57 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Thelma—14 barrels tar.

Total—204 bales cotton; 71 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 23.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 8c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 24 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—32c to 33c dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 23.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 65c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Petersburg, Va., Dec. 23. — Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, firmer, $1.30 to $1.82½ per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. to 4½c. lb.; Extra Prime, 3¾c. to 4c. lb.; Prime, 3½c. to 3¾c. lb.; shelling stock, 3c. to 3½c. lb.

WEEK'S BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 23. — The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $9,064,260 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $4,383,060 from last week.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 23. — Butter, unsettled.

Sugar—Market closed.

Coffee—Market closed.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET CLOSED.

Chicago, Dec. 23. — The grain and provision market was closed today.

NAVAL STORES MARKET CLOSED.

Savannah, Dec. 23. — Naval stores market closed today; holiday.

EXCHANGES CLOSED.

New York, Dec. 23.—All exchanges in New York, with the exception of the cotton and stock markets, were closed here today.

700 NEW BIRDS FOR MUSEUM.

Dr. Chapman Discovers One That Has Wings, But Can't Fly.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

Seven hundred birds, many of them hitherto unknown to scientists here if not to the world, have been added to the American Museum of Natural History by Dr. Frank M. Chapman, curator of the Department of Ornithology, who has just returned from a trip to South America.

Dr. Chapman sailed from here on May 6, last, accompanied by George K. Cherrie, who was a member of Colonel Roosevelt's South American expedition, which resulted in the discovery of the "River of Doubt."

One of the specimens is a non-flying bird from Lake Titicaca, on the border between Peru and Bolivia, the highest body of water of its size in the world. Long disuse, extended over a period of centuries, deprived the birds of the use of their wings, although they still retain them.

The expedition began at Guayaquil, Ecuador, and proceeded to Quito, making stops at various places, and camping on Mount Chimborazo at an elevation of 12,000 feet. From this camp the mountain was ascended to snow line, at an elevation of 14,000 feet, where specimens of bird life were collected. Collections were also taken in Peru and on the table land of Bolivia and in the Organ Mountains west of Rio Janeiro.

TRADING IN STOCKS DULL

Dealings Curtailed by Approach of Holiday Season—Losses Are Made in Nearly All Issues.

New York, Dec. 23.—In striking contrast to the heavy and excited trading of the last few days the two-hour session of the stock market today was dull with a turn-over of only about 600,000 shares. Dealings were curtailed, largely in consequence of the approaching holidays.

Irregular changes at the opening were almost immediately followed by recessions of 1 to 3 points. United States Steel fluctuated between 107¾ and 105¾, closing at 106¼, a loss of one point. Bethlehem Steel made an extreme decline of 14 points, with 1 to 3 for related issues.

Metals were more unsteady than other prominent shares, losing 1 to almost 3 points, although Central Leather and American Hide & Leather yielded as much with motors and oils, while Industrial Alcohol virtually made good its extreme loss of over 3 points.

Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies was about the only stock to display pronounced strength at a gross gain of almost 10 points.

The bank statement reflected only in a mild way the extraordinary money movements of the week, induced chiefly by the enormous liquidation. The moderate contraction of reserves leaves actual recess reserves at about $90,000,000. Mercantile conditions, according to trade reviews, are likely to show some modification because of prevailing peace discussions. There was virtually no market in foreign exchange.

Bonds were steady on limited trading. Total sales, par value, $1,320,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call during the week.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	26½
American Beet Sugar	90
American Can	47
American Car and Foundry	64¾
American Cotton Oil	B. 49½
American Locomotive	75¾
American Smelting	105¼
American Sugar	109⅝
American Tel and Tel	125¼
American Tobacco	B.215
American Zinc	36⅛
Anaconda Copper	82½
Atchison	104¼
Atlantic Coast Line	B.119
Baldwin Locomotive	58½
Baltimore and Ohio	84⅛
Bethlehem Steel	503
Canadian Pacific	166½
Central Leather	85¼
Chesapeake and Ohio	65⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	92
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	35
Colorado Fuel and Iron	45½
Consolidated Gas	132¾
Corn Products	24¼
Crucible Steel	59
Cuba Cane Sugar	49½
Erie	34⅝
General Electric	167⅝
Great Northern, Pfd	117⅝
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35⅝
Goodrich	60
Illinois Central	107
Inspiration Copper	56⅜
Int. Mer. Marine, Pfd	90
International Nickel	42⅜
International Paper	44
Kansas City Southern	25⅜
Kennecott Copper	45
Lehigh Valley	80⅛
Louisville and Nashville	B.131
Liggett and Meyers	B.285
Lorillard Co	B.222
Maxwell Motors	53⅛
Mexican Petroleum	96
National Lead	60
New York Central	103¾
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	B. 53
Norfolk and Western	125⅝
Northern Pacific	110½
Pennsylvania	56¼
Ray Consolidated Copper	26⅝
Reading	103¾
Rep. Iron and Steel	76⅝
Seaboard Air Line	17⅞
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	B. 38
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	B. 55
Studebaker Corp	111⅞
Southern Pacific	97¼
Southern Railway	33
Southern Railway, pfd	70
Tennessee Copper	16½
Texas Co	211¼
Union Pacific	147⅞
United Fruit	150
United States Rubber	61
United States Steel	106⅛
United States Steel, pfd	120
Utah Copper	100¼
Virginia-Caro. Chem.	41½
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30½
Western Union	B. 97
Westinghouse Electric	55⅞
Mo. Pac., w. i.	34⅛

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 23. — Hogs—Mostly strong at Friday's average; extreme late top, 10c. higher at 10.60. Bulk, 9.90@10.30; light, 9.50@10.20; mixed, 9.80@10.45; heavy, 9.90@10.60; rough, 9.90@10.25; pigs, 7.50@9.25.

Cattle—Steady. Native beef cattle, 7.00@11.75; western steers, 7.00@10.00; stockers, 5.75@8.10; cows and heifers, 4.00@10.00; calves, 8.25@11.75.

Sheep—Steady. Sheep, wethers, 9.00@10.00; ewes, 6.25@9.00; lambs, 11.25@13.45.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 23. — Beeves, steady. Steers, 9.65@9.75. Calves, steady; common to prime veals, 10.00@15.00; barn yard calves, 6.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Weak. Sheep, ewes, 7.00@8.50; fair to good lambs, 12.00@13.00.

Hogs—No trading.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23. — Cotton goods and yarns were steadier for the day, but trade closed quiet. Holiday trade in dry goods has been very large. Knit goods were firm. Linens were in good spot demand. Burlaps were firm.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 23. — Mercantile paper, 4@4¼; sterling, sixty day bills, 4.71¼; commercial sixty day bills, on banks, 4.71; commercial sixty day bills, 4.70¾; cables, 4.75⅝; demand, 4.76¾. Bar silver, 57¾; Mexican dollars, 58¾. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Total resources of Federal Reserve banks increased approximately $9,500,000 during the week just ended.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 24, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 32 degrees; at 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 55 degrees; minimum, 30 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.11 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday, 4.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday cloudy, probably rain west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 24, 1916.

Sun rises .....7:15 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:09 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:23	9:23	4:10	4:57
Southport	7:05	7:20	12:48	1:35
Masonboro Inl	6:54	7:09	12:28	1:15

WHATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 23, 1916.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene	cldy	60	42	.0
Asheville	clear	44	18	.0
Atlanta	clear	52	30	.0
Augusta	clear	56	28	.0
Baltimore	clear	44	—	.0
Birmingh pt	cldy	52	26	.0
Boston	clear	34	26	.0
Charleston	clear	54	36	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	48	30	.0
Chicago	clear	26	12	.0
Galveston	cldy	60	42	.0
Jacksonv.	cldy	68	40	.0
Memphis	clear	44	30	.0
Mobile	clear	56	32	.0
Montgom'y	clear	54	28	.0
New Orl	clear	60	38	.0
New York	clear	34	24	.0
Oklahoma	clear	48	26	.0
Palestine	cldy	56	36	.0
Pittsburg	clear	34	16	.0
Raleigh	clear	52	26	.0
Savannah	clear	60	38	.0
Shreveport	—	—	30	—
St. Louis	cldy	36	18	.0
Washing'n	clear	44	28	.0

NEW FOE OF THE SUBMARINE.

Italian Inventor of "F" Rays Applies His Discovery to War.

(Fro letter to Toronto Globe.)

Signor Giulio Ulivi, the inventor of "F" rays, was badly injured in a laboratory experiment some time ago, and only recovered after many months spent in a military hospital at Milan. Signor Ulivi announces now that he has succeeded in applying the invisible infra red waves beyond the red band of the spectrum to detect objects in darkness by determining their length.

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No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 85 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 84 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	1:30 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
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SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

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S. S. Cherokee...Thursday, January 11

Wilmington to Georgetown

S. S. Chippewa...Tuesday, January 2nd
S. S. Cherokee...Saturday, January 13

Wilmington to New York

S. S. Chippewa...Monday, December 25
S. S. Chippewa...Saturday, January 6th

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The Progressive Railway of the South.
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No. 13—3:35 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

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ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Charleston	$8.15
Chattanooga	$22.35
Cincinnati	$27.95
Columbia	$8.05
Fayetteville	$3.75
Florence	$4.75
Fort Myers	$33.15
Jacksonville	$19.80
Memphis	$34.85
Miami	$37.50
Nashville	$27.75
New Bern	$3.90
New Orleans	$37.65
Norfolk	$9.95
Raleigh	$5.65
Richmond	$10.15
Rocky Mount	$8.35
St. Augustine	$21.65
St. Louis	$37.10
St. Petersburg	$20.10
Savannah	$12.75
Sumter	$6.35
Tampa	$20.10
Washington	$15.75

And proportionate excursion fares to nearly every point in the southeast. Tickets will be sold Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, limited returning until January 10, 1917.

$22.45—Tampa, Fla.

Account Gasparilla Carnival. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, limited returning until Feb. 20. Limit may be extended to March 3rd, upon payment of $1.00 and depositing with joint agent, etc.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.

Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South." 'Phone 160.

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The Progressive Railway of the South.

Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTA, GA	$17.50
BIRMINGHAM, ALA	$24.20
CHATTANOOGA, TENN	$22.35
CINCINNATI, OHIO	$27.95
MEMPHIS, TENN	$34.85
NASHVILLE, TENN	$27.75
NEW ORLEANS, LA	$37.65
RALEIGH, N. C.	$ 5.65
CHARLOTTE, N. C.	$7.90
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On sale Dec. 20 to 25th, inclusive, limited returning midnight, January 10th. Proportionately low rates between all points on the Seaboard and points West and Southwest.

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Also to practically every point in the Southeast, including Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans. Tickets will be sold

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Limited returning to reach original starting point by or before Wednesday, January 10th, 1917.

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Phone 160. Wilmington, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE GOING AFTER THAT PROPOSED PULP MILL

Will Undertake to Prove It's the Best Location in State.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., December 23. — An agitation was started here today toward a movement to secure for Fayetteville the proposed paper mill to be established by the two North Carolina press associations, in case such a mill is built, and the chamber of commerce has promised to take the subject up after Christmas. These are urging Fayetteville as the location of the mill claim that it is the best point in the entire state for such a manufactory.

Newsprit paper, as everyone knows, is made of wood pulp, which can be made of any white wood, the easily worked woods being preferred. There are in the territory immediately contiguous to Fayetteville, according to one of the best informed timber men in this section, enough short-leaf pine and gum wood alone to furnish pulp wood for a paper mill for twenty years. And the short-leaf pine renews itself so rapidly that in 20 years there would be a new growth which would furnish as much pulp wood of that class as there is today.

The gum would also renew itself, though not as rapidly as the pine, so that the supply of wood for the purpose would last for an indefinite period.

"There is in the swamps along the Bladen-Robeson line enough gum, pine, poplar and other suitable timber to run a pulp mill for an indefinite time," said the lumber man referred to, J. Fletcher Parker, who probably knows more about the timber lands of this section than any other man in it. And the transportation facilities which Fayetteville possesses, unsurpassed in the State, make it the logical point for the establishment of the talked of paper mill, say the Fayetteville men.

It was brought out today that a paper mill in Roanoke Rapids is buying pulp wood in this section. They are buying short leaf pine that has been burnt over and which is fit for nothing else. The specifications under which these people are buying are that the lumber must be not less than 4 inches at the small end and must go through a ten-inch ring, knots being no defect, if they are closely trimmed; so that it is easily seen that there is almost no waste. In fact, after the land has been cut free of milling timber, it will yield abundant pulp wood. There are millions of cords of gum in the swamps in Fayetteville's surrounding country.

GARDNER REPUDIATES MANN AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Will Not Support Him, Because He Endorsed Wilson's Note.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23. — Representative Augustus P. Gardner, of Massachusetts, in a statement here tonight repudiated the leadership in Congress of Representative James R. Mann, because of his endorsement of President Wilson's peace note to the European belligerents, and says he will support Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker, when Congress convenes. The statement follows:

"I have read the endorsement which the leader of that party in Congress gave yesterday to President Wilson's interference in European affairs. This is the fourth or fifth time that Leader Mann has given encouragement to Germany's wicked cause. So far as I am concerned, I shall tolerate such leadership no longer.

"I believe that the happiness of the world requires the destruction of the dynasties of the Hapsburgs and the Hohenzollerns. For that reason, with very sincere regret, I repudiate Congressman Mann's leadership. I shall support Lenroot, of Wisconsin, for speaker, when Congress convenes."

PRESIDENT GRANTS PARDON TO TWO FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Heart Touched by Word Picture of One Prisoner's Motherless Children.

Washington, Dec. 23—President Wilson today gave Christmas pardons to two Federal prisoners and directed the Department of Justice to expedite their release so they might spend Monday with their families.

A word picture of three small children whose mother died while the husband and father was in prison, moved the President to order the release of Hall Ross, of Guyandotte, W. Va., sentenced to three months in jail for engaging in the retail liquor business without a tax.

The other prisoner ordered released was Lillian C. Muncon, of Georgia, convicted at Edgewater, N. J., of persuading a man to embezzle money from a bank. She was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

REV. W. A. P. MARTIN DEAD

Known as Presbyterian Missionary and Later Educator in China.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Rev. William Alexander Parsons Martin, formerly president of the Tung Wen College, of Peking, and of the Imperial University of China, died December 18 at the American Presbyterian mission, in Peking, according to word received here today. Mr. Martin was born in Livonia, Ind., April 10, 1827, and went to China in 1850. He did missionary work until 1868, and then became president and professor of international law at Tung Wen College.

TO CONSERVE PAPER SUPPLY

Omaha Morning Newspapers to Suspend Christmas Day for First Time.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23—No newspapers will be issued in Omaha on Christmas day. This will be the first time the morning papers have missed an issue since their establishment. In making the announcement they give as their reason a desire to conserve the paper supply.

TO LIFT EMBARGOES.

Announcement Made by Morgan Steamship Lines at Galveston.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 23. — Announcement was made today by the Morgan steamship lines that embargoes on northbound freight would be lifted December 27. The order applies to all northbound coastwise shipments except commodities for export, moving on through bills of lading and shipments direct from Galveston to Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Charleston.

$100,000 FOR RELIEF

Syrians and Armenians in New York Give $50,000 for Needy Countrymen.

New York, Dec. 23.—A check for $50,000, contributed by native-born Syrians and Armenians in New York, was cabled to the relief of their countrymen today by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. An addition $50,000 raised from other sources, also was sent by the committee.

GERMANS SMUGGLED INTO THIS COUNTRY FROM ENGLAND?

It is Intimated, Also, a Number of Englishmen Have Landed Here.

New York, Dec. 23.—That many Germans who had been interned as prisoners in England as well as a number of Englishmen desirous of escaping military service, have been smuggled into this country as coal trimmers on board various liners, was intimated here today. The case of William Farrell, also known as Kernahan, for whom a writ of habeas corpus was sworn out in the Federal court, was said to have led to the disclosures.

Farrell, a coal trimmer on board the British steamship Adriatic, had been placed in irons, it was charged, because he declared that if he were permitted to go ashore he would not return to the vessel. The writ of habeas sworn out in his behalf directed Captain Ransom, of the Adriatic, to produce Farrell before the court. This, however, the captain refused to do, stating that the mere fact of bringing Farrell ashore would liberate him. Judge Hough, who heard the argument, dismissed the writ.

Testimony was introduced to the effect that Farrell had lived in London for several years. One witness declared that "at no time was Farrell a German soldier."

BELGIAN STEAMER EMANUEL NOBEL ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

Canadian Marine and Fisheries Department Sends Help.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—A steamer in distress off Sober Island was identified today as the Belgian motor tank ship Emanuel Nobel, of 4,812 tons gross. The steamer Aranmore has been sent to her assistance by the marine and fisheries department. The Emanuel Nobel, Rouen, France, for Newport News, Va., put in at St. Johns, N. F., on December 8 with engine trouble.

A dispatch to the marine and fisheries department from Sheet Harbor, Sober Island, said that the sea was so high that it was impossible to go out to the Emanuel Nobel but that the crew had succeeded in sending ashore a bottle containing a message asking for assistance.

The message said that there was trouble with the machinery but that the anchors were holding and that if the wind continued from the northwest the ship probably would be in no danger. A shift to the eastward, however, it was feared, would send her on the rocks.

428 PARDONS GRANTED DURING TERM OF GOVERNOR CRAIG.

Usually Recommended by Judge, Solicitor and Prominent Citizens.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Craig during his term of office has granted 428 pardons, the great majority being in cases for violations of the prohibition laws, larceny and other minor offenses in which the sentences were to the county roads.

He almost invariably acted on the recommendation of the judge, solicitor and prominent citizens of localities interested in the prisoners. There are about 900 State convicts and about 2,000 convicts under county control.

BIG OIL LAND DEALS.

Total of $12,000,000 Changed Hands Yesterday at Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 23.—Twelve million dollars changed hands in two oil land deals recorded here today. The D. F. Sinclair interests bought the holdings of the Tidal Oil Company, in the Hominy district of the Oklahoma fields, for $6,000,000, and the same amount was paid by the Oklahoma Producing & Refining Company and the Crystal Oil Company, the latter a subsidiary of the Sinclair Oil corporation, for leases in the Hominy district.

$105,000,000 IN SECURITIES

Owned by Rockefeller Foundation at the Close of 1915.

New York, Dec. 23.—The cash value of securities owned by the Rockefeller Foundation at the close of 1915 was about $105,000,000, according to the annual report for that year, issued here today. Expenditures totalled more than $8,862,000. War relief appropriations amounted to approximately $557,000, added to those of 1914, brought the total to about $1,562,000.

SALVAGE TO BE COSTLY.

Will Require $80,000 to Save Submarine H-3, Which is Aground.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 23. — It will cost at least $80,000 to save the United States submarine H-3, from the breakers north of here, according to H. B. Whitelaw, of San Francisco, whom the Navy Department sent to inspect the stranded diver.

The submarine was rolling violently today on the surf where she struck the beach last week during a heavy fog.

THE BIGGEST RETAIL BUSINESS IN THE CITY

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at frequent intervals. These have proven a source of great enjoyment. Wholesome recreation is recognized as necessary for the best service. Dealing with a restless public is not conducive to equanimity of temperament but through the medium of the rest room this is largely overcome and the operators impress one as being an unusually polite and accommodating set of people.

The heads of the different department manifest great pleasure in explaining how their work is done—and no one is gladder to do this than Manager Lucas, who takes great pride in the service rendered by the splendid force of employes he has under his supervision. He relies on them fully and trusts them implicitly.

If there is anyone in Wilmington who is skeptical about the efficiency of the local system, he should avail himself of the invitation extended by Manager Lucas to look it over and then become a believer in the system.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—A Christmas gift "The Bivouac", formerly the home of General Harrison Gray Otis, president and general manager of the Los Angeles Times, was presented to the county today by General Otis for use as an art gallery. The property, valued at $150,000, is situated opposite one of the city parks.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 22.—J. J. Roche, widely known newspaper writer, who at one time was a financial editor of the New York Herald, died here today. He was 65 years old.

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WANTED—BOY TO WORK IN PRINTING office; one with some experience in type setting preferred, quick and willing to learn. Apply or write, Foreman, Wilmington Star, Wilmington, N. C. de 23-2t

FOR SALE—NICE BUILDING LOT, Carolina Place, price and terms reasonable. J. F. Davis, Box 181, Charlotte, N. C. de 23-3t*

FOR RENT—BARBER SHOP IN HOTEL, unfurnished. Splendid opportunity. Modern conveniences. Rent reasonable. Address Hotel Lorraine, Lumberton, N. C. de 23-3t

FOR RENT—7 ROOM FURNISHED house in most desirable neighborhood for months January, February and March. Only to family without children. Phone 1790 or 788. Write Box 266, Wilmington. de 23-tf

FOR SALE—100 CHOICE DUROC JERSEY pigs, 3 to 5 months old. Excelled by none in color or type. U. O. Jones, Godwin, N. C. de20-7t*

PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR MAGAZINES and newspapers with Gordon Bros., 17 Princess street. 'Phone 745. au11-tf

CUT FLOWERS AND POTTED plants for Christmas—We have a very nice line of potted plants and cut flowers. Don't forget to give us your order. Phone 1397. Dan Benton. de 23-2t

FOR RENT — 9-ROOM HOUSE, NORTH west corner 6th and Dock. Will be put in best condition. Apply H. F. Wilder, Agent; W. H. Alderman, 16 Princess st. de24-1t*

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIM pany are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to Geo. H. Hutaff, receiver. This 24th day of December, 1916. Signed, Geo. H. Hutaff. de 24-su-4t

WANTED — BY A REFINED LADY, A position as nurse and companion. Address "X," care Star. de24-1t*

WANTED—MASTER MECHANIC, EX-perienced in saw mill and locomotive work. D. W. Alderman & Sons Co., Alcolu, S. C. de24-1t

LOST — UMBRELLA, SILVER HAN-dle, engraved M. E. G. Left in room 507, New A. C. L. Bldg., Thursday, between 1 and 2:30 P. M. Liberal reward offered; no questions asked, if returned to Room 508, A. C. L. Bldg. de24-1t*

LOST — LARGE PEARL BROOCH, with diamond setting, either from Victoria to Bijou, or on the street. If found, please return to Mrs. B. Rothschilds, 510 Chestnut st., and receive reward. de24-1t

FIFTY BUSHELS IMPROVED ROGER Kienen and fifty bushels of Weber Long Staple Cotton Seed for sale at $2.00 per bushel. F. O. B. Clarkton, N. C. Cotton free from anthragnose. Roland Stanton, Grower, Clarkton, N. C. de24-3t*

WANTED — MEN WHO DESIRE TO earn over $125.00 per month. Write us today for position as salesman; every opportunity for advancement. Central Petroleum Co., Cleveland, Ohio. de24-1t*

THOSE DESIRING NICE TABLE board with or without rooms, need look no further than 119 Chestnut st. 'Phone 1126-J. de24-1t*

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS — BLOOMING pot plants and cut narcissus. Reasonable prices. 'Phone 779-W; 416 South 2nd street. de24-1t*

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RUSSIAN REAR GUARD IS SLOWLY YIELDING TO TEUTONIC ARMIES

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that the losses represent 13 per cent. in numbers and 11 per cent in tonnage, being less than one-half of one per cent. a month.

The value of the cargoes is calculated at 0.49 per cent. of the total by Sir Norman, who adds: "A ten shillings in one hundred pounds blockade will never starve us."

BRITISH REPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Dec. 23. — A report on the Mesopotamia campaign sent out officially today, reads:

"On the morning of December 21 British aeroplanes dropped nearly a ton of explosives on the Turkish advanced line and one shipping near Baghela, 25 miles west of Kut-El-Amara.

"On the same day, hostile trenches on the south bank of the Tigris, near Kut El Amara and on the north bank near Sannayyat, were subjected to a heavy artillery bombardment. Aeroplane observers reported that both bombardments were very effective. At dawn December 22, a second aeroplane raid on the Turkish base near Baghela was carried out."

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 23.—A Christmas gift of $60,000 for a public library building was announced to the citizens of this town tonight. The donor was Junius Beebe, a leather merchant, who will make the gift a memorial to his father.

Shooting Match Monday.

There will be a shooting match Monday morning at Mr. George Capps' store on the Masonboro Road.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE latest things on the market in wedge wood I have a beautiful line of La Valliers and brooches; I also have a beautiful line of cameo brooches, prices from $2.50 to $30.00. Will be glad to show you my line. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. 27 S. Front St. de17-3t

A NICE PIECE OF SOLID GOLD JEW-elry is something to be appreciated by any one, especially when it is handed down from one family to another, as heirloom, so you see it pays to buy something good in solid gold. I make a specialty of medium price solid gold jewelry. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler; 27 S. Front St. de17-3t

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